

Gospel May Go Where Missionaries Cannot

Robert O'Brien
RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Changing world conditions may redefine the role of missionaries and missions, a missions analyst and strategist said.
Ted Ward suggested increased use of Christian technologists and others as bivocational missionaries in countries closed to traditional missionary activity.
"I'm not here to tell you what to do, but to urge you to see our moment in history as a moment demanding new vision," Ward declared in a recent four-hour session he led for staff and directors of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.
Ward analyzed some world conditions which hinder missionaries and sometimes shut them out of countries, mentioning such things as anti-Americanism, anti-Christianity, nationalism, secularism, militarism, extremism, and widening gaps between rich and poor which he said cause problems but not absolute barriers.
When countries close, Christians should not just wring their hands and bemoan lost opportunities but redefine approaches and find ways "to penetrate inhospitable borders" in the best tradition of early Christian missionaries, added Ward, a Baptist layman and Michigan State University professor.

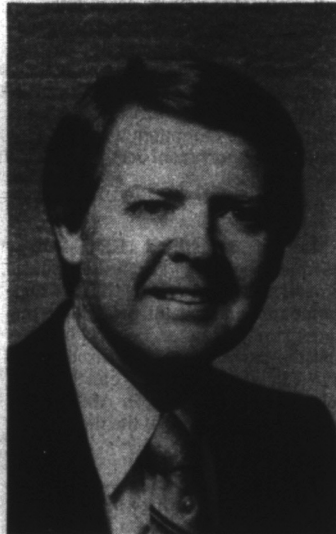
"Will we sit back and wait until a country wants missionaries?" he asked of countries such as China, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and others closed to the traditional missionary sent by a mission board.
"That type of situation calls for us to redefine missionaries, rethink how we deal. Great mission boards have an eye toward God's alternatives."
"I would not negate career missionaries," he said, "but they do arrive in many areas under suspicion because they have no overt, legitimate reason for being there in the minds of people in the country unsympathetic to missions."
Expertise in vocations needed by a given country is an acceptable reason for being there, he said. Nations may want to suppress Christianity, shun westernization, and spurn the United States, he continued, "but they want our technology."
"Bivocational abilities allow Christians to go anywhere in the world," he said. "There's a community of Americans overseas larger than the population of Birmingham. Many are southern and many of those are Southern Baptists. Southern Baptists live in such cities as Peking, Karachi and Damascus, but very few have any idea how to be effective witnesses for Jesus."

"The question is how can you mobilize that concerned number of Southern Baptists? It's not enough anymore just to see that the missionaries out there are supported. Be alert to what God is preparing. China is not open to missionaries, but it is open to the gospel."
"Wherever an American goes," he said, "natural opportunities exist for such things as Bible study groups. Southern Baptists could put dozens of such 'missionaries' in 'closed nations' as schoolteachers, oil workers or technologists."
Ward, putting his ideas in historical and biblical perspective, emphasized that history has shown that God will shake people loose from approaches which hinder the message of Jesus Christ.
"Things won't always be the same for us," he declared. "God has his plans unfolding right smack across our trail. Pray that he will give vision to our people to jolt them to realize they won't always do things the same way. The Foreign Mission Board faces a time when there are new ways in the plans of God."
Ward urged his listeners to examine combined statistics from all mission groups, which reveal shrinking commitment to world missions, even though Southern Baptist statistics continue to increase.

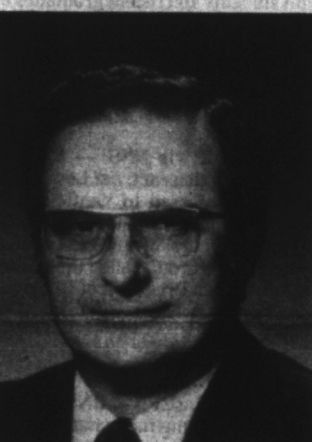
"Overall statistics are important" because they reveal information and trends which may eventually affect your own efforts, Ward said.
He warned that anxieties and confusion caused by the no-longer-predictable world will antagonize many American Christians and increase their tendency toward isolationism — especially when they see traditionally successful mission fields close down. "World consciousness is dropping back into the dark ages," he said.
Given the economic crunch and the world uncertainties, he said even Southern Baptists may experience an eroding commitment to missions. "It becomes more important for the Southern Baptist Convention to find ways to bring its people closer to missions, so it won't become remote. A sense of identity and closeness is important."
Touching a wide range of themes, Ward urged continued sensitivity in developing national Christians who are not dependent; planting institutions which mesh with the culture, not slavishly copy American styles; and re-thinking deployment of missions personnel to avoid missing huge chunks of the world's population.
In the midst of all that, he emphasized, the most important keys to world missions are prayer and the commitment of people who have been nurtured in the word of God.



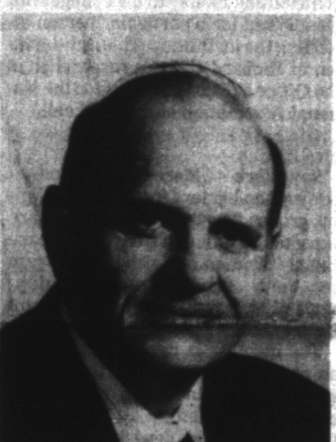
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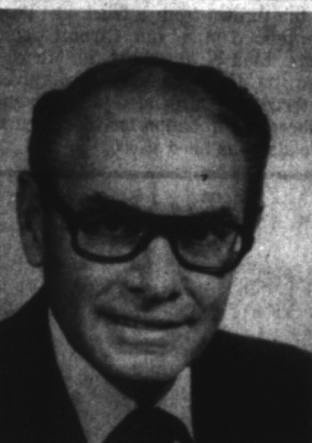
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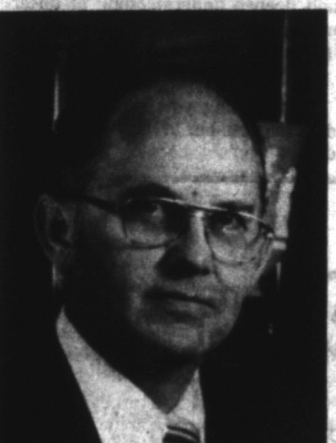
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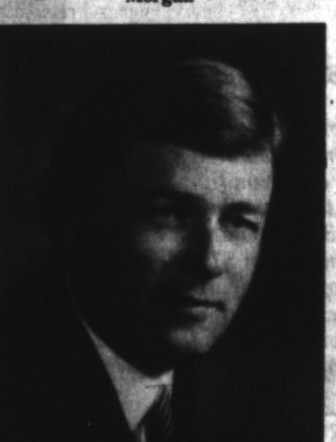
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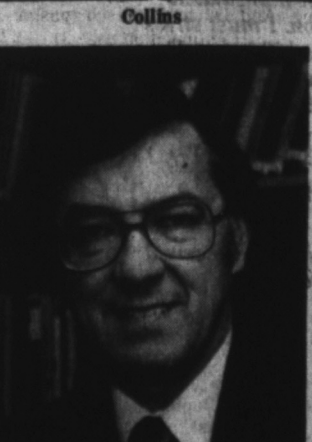
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Proposals To MBC Include College Merger, Budget

The 1980 meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will include a number of voting matters, among them, a vote on a proposed merger of Clarke College with Mississippi College, a \$12.6 million 1981 budget, and a new president.
The Convention meets Nov. 11-13 at First Baptist Church, Jackson.
The merger is the suggested solution to fiscal and enrollment problems of the Baptist-operated Newton junior college. It has been suggested that under the wing of Mississippi College, Clarke could offer upper division courses and possibly function as an extension campus. The merger recommendation comes from the Clarke trustees, with support from the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission. It will first be presented to the convention board which meets Monday.

The 1981 budget proposal is an estimate of the income to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from the 1,900 Mississippi Baptist churches. It would go to Christian education, and convention board and state Baptist agency operations. One third will go out of state for national and worldwide Southern Baptist missions and education endeavors.
Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, is outgoing Mississippi Baptist Convention president. He is ending his second one year term as president. Traditionally MBC presidents are limited to two one year terms of office.
Ordinarily, resolutions are presented during business sessions without any pre-filing. This year, however,

one resolution has been requested by the Foreign Mission Board to be given to the resolutions committee which officially present resolutions to messengers.
That resolution concerns asking Congress to allow the exemption of much of the double taxation of Americans working overseas. As current legislation now stands, Southern Baptist foreign missionaries would be paying an additional \$1 million in taxes each year. Two bills now pending would extend an exemption which

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would restore \$20,000 of foreign income exemptions for missionaries and other charitable workers overseas. The resolution to be presented to MBC messengers encourages congressional action.
Principal speakers for the convention include the heads of three Southern Baptist agencies. They are Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, which employs 3,000 missionaries in 94 countries; Grady Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, publishing arm of the Southern Baptist convention; and Darold Morgan, president of the Annuity Board, retirement and insurance programing agency.
MBC President Causey will deliver his address Tuesday morning, Nov. 11. The convention sermon will be delivered Wednesday evening, Nov. 12, by Frank Gunn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi.
Three out of state pastors will be among the featured speakers. They

are Ralph Langley, Lester Collins, and Morris Chapman. Langley is pastor of First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala. Collins is pastor of Tallwood Baptist Church, Houston, Tex. And Chapman is pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.
Earl Kelly, MBC executive secretary, will emcee a Tuesday evening program on State Missions.
The other principal speaker will be Ted Ward, professor of curriculum research at Michigan State University. Ward lectured recently to staff and directors of the Foreign Mission Board on the increased use of Christian technologists and others as bivocational missionaries in countries closed to traditional missionary activity.
The tradition of inviting a Mississip-

pian to deliver short inspirational messages during each session will continue this year with seven "Bible Treasure" speakers. They are Gordon Sansing, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pontotoc; Jack Glaze, head of the department of religion, Mississippi College; Charles Whitten, furloughing missionary to Spain; Jim Keith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gulfport; Wayne Burkes, pastor of Bolton Baptist Church and a senator in the Mississippi Legislature; Howard Taylor, pastor of Arlington Heights Baptist Church, Pascagoula; and Larry Kennedy, pastor of First Baptist Church, Laurel.
Music will be offered by a large number of groups and individuals.
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Baptist Men's Rally

The Baptist Men's Rally takes place the evening before the Mississippi Baptist Convention begins. The rally, Nov. 10, at Mississippi College's A. E. Wood Coliseum, begins with a banquet at 5 and continues with a conference

session at 7 p.m. The conference is open to the public at no charge. Grady Nutt is banquet speaker. James Smith is conference speaker. Nutt is a television humorist. Smith is executive director of the Brotherhood Comm.

DeSoto And Tate Merge To Form Single Association

DeSoto Association and Tate Association have merged to form the Northwest Baptist Association.
At the last session of the DeSoto annual meeting, Tuesday evening, Oct. 28, at the Colonial Hills Church, Southaven messengers representing both associations voted yes on the merger.
The new Northwest association will have 30 churches in DeSoto and 19 churches in Tate, a total of 49. The mission office will continue to be in Hernando and Ervin Brown will continue as director of missions.
The DeSoto Association began a mission program in 1957, with James Redding as the first director of missions. He served until 1961. Brown began work in March, 1962. In 1967 the DeSoto Association had 14 small churches; since then, 17 new churches have entered the association. One withdrew in 1973.

Tate Association has never had an associational missions program with a full-time director. They have had foster mission programs for several years. Brown stated, "They had previously considered joint programs with other associations, but these had never worked out."
Tate Association Executive Committee voted in early spring of this year to ask DeSoto to consider a merger. Then Tate and DeSoto committees began to meet to discuss the matter. On April 19, a set of procedures was outlined. Both associations voted in July Executive Committee meetings to continue with merger plans. Brown said that all votes have been unanimous and in good spirit, and that no negative expressions have been made.
Combined meetings of associational Nominating, Committee on Commit-

tee, Budget, and Calendar committees prepared reports for the new association.
A resolution was presented as planned, on Oct. 28 from a combined committee recommending the merger. A vote was taken; representatives of both counties voted in the affirmative; the Nominating Committee reported, and a new slate of officers was elected. The new Northwest Baptist Association thus came into existence.
The name, Northwest, was chosen to "express a newness, and will identify where it is in the state, and will be a total break from both old names."
According to Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, each county will still be represented on the State Convention Board with a Board member, or two Board members from the Northwest Baptist Association.

Tent Proves To Be No Revival Handicap

By Tim Nicholas
Four tiny churches in Clarke County near Quitman borrowed a tent to hold a joint revival in October because none of their sanctuaries were big enough. As it turned out, none of their sanctuaries would be large enough to hold all the people who made professions of faith in Christ at that revival.
Hebron Ridge Church, which runs 40 in Sunday School, planned a revival. Pastor Keith Thrash, when asked where he was going to put everybody, casually answered, "in a tent."
Pastors of the other three churches indicated interest in co-sponsoring the revival which would have as evangelist, Danny Lafferty of Ocean Springs. They were Pine Grove, Elim, and Bucatunna, the largest about 125 in Sunday School.
"The first obstacle," said Thrash, "was to find a tent." He said that back in July, when the group started working on facilities, they discovered the cheapest tent was about \$1,000 to rent. That didn't include having to go to Jackson or Memphis to get it and put it up.
In their search, they asked Roy Col-lum, evangelism director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board who recalled that Victor Bonner, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Columbus, had a tent. Bonner a former full time evangelist had bought a large tent for his work and kept it when he entered the pastorate.
Bonner not only let the group use the 50 x 70 foot tent for free, he went to Clarke County to show them how to put it up.
They got chairs from such places as the fire department, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. A hay trailer was set up for a platform. On that went a pulpit and piano.
The four churches combined their choirs and they put \$900 in the pot for expenses. \$700 went to publicity and they gave the other \$200 to Bonner as a gift. Lafferty came on love offerings taken during services.
Thrash worked with the choir. Jim Hill, pastor of Pine Grove, trained counselors. Buddy Braddock, pastor of Bucatunna, worked with advertising. And David Manasco, pastor of

Fifth Million Dollar Month Recorded In '80

For the fifth time this year Mississippi Baptists have experienced a million-dollar month in missions giving through the Cooperative Program as the gifts for October amounted to \$1,021,088, according to Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.
For the first time in history Mississippi Baptists have experienced two million-dollar months back to back. The September receipts were \$1,050,607. October of 1980 was the sixth such month in Mississippi Baptist history.
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Constitution, By-Laws Changes Approved By Board Committee

The Mississippi Baptist Convention's Committee on Constitution and By-Laws has approved recommendations to be made to the 1980 convention meeting next week. One concerns reporting of the Christian Action Commission to the convention. The other concerns make up of the convention board.

Their report is as follows:

1. The following constitutional change was voted on at the 1979 Convention and is required by the Constitution to be voted on this year.

"The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws recommends that Article XXI, Section 4, of the Plan of Organization and Action (of the Constitution) be amended by the addition of the following sentence: 'The Commission may, either at their own request or that of the Board, report to and make recommendations to the Convention Board and/or the Convention.' (See page 31 of the 1979 Annual).

"When this recommendation shall have been approved, Section 4 of Article XXI would then read: 'The Commission shall elect an executive director and such other employed personnel as may be necessary to maintain an office and to achieve its objective, hold such meetings, and adopt such policies as may be necessary to carry on the work assigned by the Convention. The Commission may, either at their own request or that of the Board, report to and make recommendations to the Convention Board and/or the Convention.'"

Motion was made by the committee and approved.

2. The committee presents in 1980 the following recommendation to be voted on in 1981:

That Article I, Section 2, of the Plan of Organization and Action (of the Constitution) — concerning The Convention Board — be amended by changing the wording in several places and deleting some. Section 2, now reads:

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board shall be composed of 100 members, one member for each association nominated by the association, plus additional 'At Large' members who shall be nominated by the Convention Committee on Nominations. Not more than four members from any one association may serve on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and when a pastor or a layperson is already serving, a layperson or pastor, respectively, shall, where feasible, be nominated by the Committee on Nominations.

tively, shall, where feasible, be nominated by the Committee on Nominations. In the event of the consolidation of associations or the formation of a new association the Board membership shall be adjusted, if necessary, according to the above stipulations.

When this recommendation shall have been approved, Section 2 of Article I would then read: "The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board shall be composed of 100 members, one member from each county nominated by the association in which the county is located, plus additional 'At Large' members who shall be nominated by the Convention Committee on Nominations. When a pastor or a layperson is already serving, a layperson or pastor, respectively, shall, where feasible, be nominated by the Committee on Nominations."

AND that Section 3 following section 2 be changed from:

"Any Convention Board member moving to a different association, or transferring church membership to a church in a different association, terminates Convention Board membership. The unexpired term may be completed by a member chosen by the executive committee of the association and seated by the Convention Board, provided such member shall be a member of a cooperating church within the territory of that county."

The committee is composed of David Grant, chairman; Oliver Laddner, Kenneth Forbus, Eugene Dobbs, and Lewis Sewell, with Bill Causey and Earl Kelly as ex officio members.

Without Help, Missionaries Are Facing Double Taxation

By Robert O'Brien

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The salaries of more than 3,000 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries will face double taxation if Congress does not act when it reconvenes Nov. 12 to restore income tax exclusion for religious and other charitable workers overseas, a Foreign Mission Board official said.

The immediate tax bite will total \$1 million for 1979 and \$1 million for 1980, according to Carl W. Johnson, treasurer-elect. Another \$1 million would be due in 1981.

Faced with paying \$1 million a year in U.S. taxes, plus another \$1 million annually in income tax to foreign governments, the Foreign Mission Board is running an open letter advertisement from board President R. Keith Parks to Southern Baptists in the state Baptist newspapers. (Page 1).

The letter asks Southern Baptists to urge U.S. representatives, and

senators to pass pending legislation to restore the \$20,000 income tax exclusion which was removed by the Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978.

Parks reminded readers of the papers that the action must be passed by Dec. 15, the deadline set by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Foreign Mission Board is only one of a host of organizations facing similar problems. The American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, made up of 32 Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and nonsectarian agencies with workers abroad, also has pushed for passage of the legislation.

The pending legislation involves two House resolutions — HR 1319 and HR 5829. Already reported out of the Senate Finance Committee, HR 1319 would restore the \$20,000 foreign income exclusion. HR 5829, which passed the House as a bill to exempt overseas duties on church bells for the United Methodist Church, was turned into a \$39 billion tax cut bill by Sen. Robert Long, D-La., and the Senate Finance Committee. It retains the exemption for United Methodists and adds an income tax exclusion of \$50,000 for Americans living overseas.

Because of opposition to the added \$39 billion tax cut proposals in HR 5829, congressional observers give HR 1319 the best chance for passage, although the possibility remains that the exclusion may be tacked onto another piece of legislation.

The problem, according to the observers, is not that representatives and senators oppose the measure, but that so much work faces them when they reconvene that the income exclusion may get lost in the shuffle.

The Dec. 15 deadline represents the second extension granted by IRS. Last June, the IRS extended the deadline until Oct. 15 and refused another extension until a direct intervention by the White House pushed back the date to Dec. 15.

"The intervention of the White House staff was in line with both legislation pending in Congress and proposals in the 1981 economic package recommended by President Carter to give tax breaks to all Americans overseas," Robert Maddox, special assistant for religious affairs at the White House, told Baptist Press.

Parks expressed gratitude, after the extension was granted, for "the efforts of those in Congress and the administration to help us," but labeled it as only "a stay of execution."

Noting the issue may have become "a political football in an election

Singers. These five minute testimonies will be Victor Bonner, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Columbus; Phillip Plunkett, layman of Briarwood Drive Baptist Church, Jackson; Manuel Weeks, pastor of East Wood Baptist Church, Indianapolis; Carl Savell, pastor of Woodville Heights Baptist Church, Jackson; Tim Glaze, youth activities director of Southside Baptist Church, Jackson; Billy Doyle, layman of First Baptist Church, Hazlehurst; and Ed R. Willis, layman of First Baptist Church, Clinton.

Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. We never heard of any trouble arising from this quarter. Though they do not cost much, yet they accomplish much. They make other people good-natured. They also produce their own image on

Reception Tuesday Night

A special recognition for all home and foreign missionaries will be given in the form of a reception immediately following the Tuesday evening MBC program.

The reception will take place in the 4th floor Sky Room of the Baptist Building across the street from First Baptist Church, Jackson. It is hosted by the con-

One Resolution Concerns Missionary Tax Problem

Each year at the Mississippi Baptist Convention, a number of resolutions pertinent to the membership of MBC churches is submitted to messengers for consideration.

The 1979 meeting of the MBC brought passage of resolutions concerning abuse of beverage alcohol, television and morality, world hunger, the Mississippi Baptist disaster relief unit, continued support of Bold Mission Thrust, and gambling.

Usually, resolutions to be presented are not known until made public by the presenter during business sessions. This year, however, the Baptist Record has been informed that a particular resolution will be presented to the resolutions committee from the Foreign Mission Board.

The resolution concerns a taxation problem for foreign missionaries and other Americans employed overseas. The text of the resolution explains the situation and how Mississippi Baptists can help.

WHEREAS, The Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978, which eliminated the \$20,000 exclusion from taxable income for United States citizens residing overseas places a new and significant tax burden on overseas employees of charitable and religious

organizations ministering in foreign countries, and

WHEREAS, because of that, significant portions of the tithes and offerings of Baptist people given for the vital task of spreading the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world as well as for relief, healing, agriculture, and community development would be diverted to assist missionaries in payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, December 15, 1980, is the date of the final extension for payment of \$1 million in taxes for 1979, and at least another \$1 million in taxes will be payable in each subsequent year, and

WHEREAS, the Foreign Mission Board already assists its missionaries in the payment of taxes to governments in land where they serve in excess of \$1 million annually, so that the loss of the overseas exemption represents double taxation.

Be it therefore Resolved, That the Mississippi Baptist Convention at its 1980 annual meeting in Jackson, Miss., goes on record as urging Congress to adopt an amendment to the tax laws of the United States that would restore the \$20,000 tax exemption to employees of charitable and religious organizations working overseas.

Proposals To MBC . . .

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Becky Payne and Eva Hart, music staffers with First Church, Jackson, will be instrumentalists on the organ and piano, respectively.

A different music leader will be in charge of congregational singing for each session. The leaders are Mike Smith, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson; Gary Gregg, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg; John Laughlin, First Baptist Church, Meridian; James Beasley, First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs; Bill Barnes, Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton; Leon Bedeole, First Baptist Church, Biloxi; and Ronnie McCall, Hattiesburg.

Special music will be offered by Wilson Henderson, First Baptist Church, Columbus; Parkway Baptist Church (Jackson) Choir; David and Shea Gilder, Central Baptist Church, Ben-

Church, Hattiesburg; Chancel Choir, First Baptist Church, Biloxi; Lewis Oswalt, First Baptist Church, Water Valley; and Blue Mountain College

Prayer Requests

Worldbeat

RICHMOND — Pray for more personnel and funds to reach refugees in Thailand for Christ. Pray that new refugee Christians will be wise in the Spirit and resist proselytizing by religious cults which are in many camps.

Pray that God will give missionaries in Colombia the wisdom and skill needed to develop ideas, materials, and people to advance Southern Baptist work in that South American country.

Pray that God will call more medical missionaries, especially physicians. Medical missions is the only entry Southern Baptists have in some countries.

Pray that the Brazilian Baptist Convention, scheduled to celebrate 100 years of Baptist work in 1982, will continue to grow and become even stronger in its missions endeavors.

Pray that the lives of missionaries around the world will show a spiritual depth so that those they come in contact with will want to know Jesus. (WMU/FMB).

Marriage is that relation between man and woman in which the independence is equal, the dependence mutual, and the obligation reciprocal. — L. K. Anspacher

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Lausanne, Switzerland (EP) — According to WEF general secretary Waldron Scott, Europe has become one of the world's largest mission fields, not only in view of the growing influence of foreign religions such as Islam, but also because of the predominance of secularism in the West. Scott was speaking at the Council meeting of the European Evangelical Alliance, which was held in Lausanne, Switzerland, recently. He challenged the Christians in Europe to devote much more of their time and energy to evangelism.

WASHINGTON (BP) — Alabama Congressman John Buchanan's reelection bid received new life when a federal district court ordered the state to list the eight-term Republican on the ballot as a Whig Party candidate.

Judge U. W. Clemon's ruling revived, at least temporarily, Buchanan's candidacy after the Southern Baptist minister lost a September Republican primary battle to Albert Smith, whose campaign was aided by massive support from Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority.

Manzini, Swaziland (EP) — In a word of greeting to the first consultation of African Evangelical Communicators in Manzini, Swaziland, the vice-prime minister Ben Nsibandze told the participants that through active Christians "Jesus can help to solve those problems in Africa that seem to be insoluble at the moment."

WASHINGTON (BP) — Alabama legislators could be violating a section of the Internal Revenue Code if they supply tax-deductible receipts to individuals contributing money to the colleges but earmarked for a particular person attending the institution. This is the opinion of Richard Cizik, a researcher in the Office of Public Affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals.

New York — More than a hundred key women leaders from major religious groups throughout the country are expected to attend a 2-day conference called "Women of Faith in the 80s," to be held Sunday and Monday, November 9 and 10, at Stony Point Center, Stony Point, New York.

The meeting is intended to provide an open-ended forum for the discussion of ways in which religiously committed women — Catholic, Protestant, Evangelical, Jewish and Muslim — can work together to build coalitions and deepen understanding of differences, similarities and commitments in the coming decade.

Try praising your wife, even if it does frighten her at first. — Billy Sunday

Miami (EP via RNS) — The predominantly white Worldwide Church of God has announced a \$100,000 contribution to the work of a black civil rights organization in a riot-gutted section of Miami. The money will go to the Congress on Racial Equality which plans to open a job training and counseling center in the midst of Liberty City, the scene of widespread racial rioting last spring. The grant was made "without strings attached," said Stanley R. Rader, treasurer of the 100,000-member denomination headed by the Rev. Herbert Armstrong.

Madaouia, Niger Republic (EP) — Residents of this essentially Muslim community extended a cordial reception to 100 Christian women who gathered here for the annual meeting of the Women's Fellowship of the Evangelical Churches of Niger Republic, churches of Sudan Interior Mission origin.

Santa Barbara, Calif. (EP) — Hundreds of students at Westmont College have been involved over the past four years with Los Ninos (The Children), an organization working among poor children living along the U.S.-Mexican border. Paul Weiss, founding director of Los Ninos, said the students have either worked in Tijuana, Mexico, or helped in other ways, such as collecting food in front of Santa Barbara supermarkets, working as volunteers in Los Ninos; Santa Barbara office, or participating in the annual Westmont College nonstop 250-mile bicycle trip from Santa Barbara to Tijuana to raise funds for the poor children.

Seattle (EP) — A second team of eight students and recent graduates of Seattle Pacific University left for Bangkok, Thailand, recently for a six-month stint working as volunteers with Southeast Asian refugees.

Moscow (EP via RNS) — Russian Orthodox religious activist Lev Regelson, who confessed to "anti-Soviet" activities, has been placed on probation for five years. Mr. Regelson, 41, a lay leader of a group called the Christian Seminar on Problems of Religious Renaissance, was arrested last December.

Decatur, Ind. (EP via RNS) — The third of four young men charged with reckless homicide in connection with the death of an Amish infant struck by a tile thrown from a truck has been sentenced in Adams Circuit Court here. Linn W. Burkhardt, 20, Monroe, Ind., the driver of the truck, was given a three-year suspended jail term and placed on probation for three years. He also was fined \$5,000.

Foreign Mission Board
of the Southern Baptist Convention

DEAR SOUTHERN BAPTIST FRIENDS,

I am writing to ask your help in a matter of extreme urgency to Southern Baptist foreign missions. The Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978 eliminated a \$20,000 exclusion from taxable income for Americans living overseas. As a result, taxes totaling \$1 million a year are due on the salaries of more than 3,000 Southern Baptist missionaries overseas. This is in addition to the more than \$1 million taxes which are already paid to foreign governments on missionaries' salaries. This means missionaries and other charitable workers overseas are paying double taxes. It also means missionaries have fewer resources for spreading the gospel, because the Foreign Mission Board must use its resources to help missionaries pay these taxes.

Bills now before Congress would restore exemptions to all religious and charitable workers overseas, but such legislation must be passed before Dec. 15. I'm asking you to call or write your congressmen immediately urging their support of legislation to restore this exemption. I must stress the urgency of immediate action. Congress must pass this bill before Dec. 15 or taxes for 1979, 1980 and 1981 must be paid on the salaries of Southern Baptist foreign missionaries working in 94 countries.

Phone congressmen at (202) 224-3121. Address Senate Finance Committee members: Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Address House Ways and Means Committee members: House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

In addition to contacting your congressmen, please join us in a concerted prayer effort about this matter. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mississippian Price Retires From FMB

RICHMOND, Va. — It was especially fitting that the Southern Baptist editors and educators meeting to plan future foreign mission studies set aside the first night of their annual workshop to honor G. Norman Price.

The man who had worked with them for the last 17 years as director of publications for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board was attending his last meeting. He retired Oct. 31.

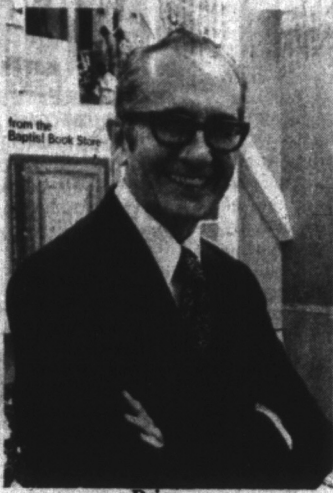
Price, 68, joined the board in 1963 as associate secretary of the Department of Mission Education and Promotion, which later became the Department of Communications. He was responsible for producing and distributing a variety of missionary education literature, including the annual mission study literature and pamphlets and maps of mission areas and countries.

Since June, Price has been a consultant to the board's new Office of Communications. The Peninsula Off-Campus Center of Boyce Bible School has already announced that Price will be visiting professor of missions there. The center is the largest of four off-campus units of the Boyce school, which is a part of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Price came to the Foreign Mission Board from Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., where he had been pastor for 17 years. Before that he was pastor of churches in Indianola, Miss., Wake County, N. C., and Shelby County, Ky., and was an assistant professor at Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C.

A graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College, Price was a trustee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received the master of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees. He was also a trustee of Mississippi Baptist Hospital and the Baptist Sunday School Board and has written for a number of publications.

Born in Benton, Ky., Price grew up in Paducah, Ky. He and his wife, the former Elizabeth Ann Cooper, have four grown children.



Price
Fifth Million
Dollar Month

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tist history with the first one being October of last year.

In February and May of this year missions gifts through the offices of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board were above \$900,000. The August total was above \$800,000.

The October Cooperative Program gifts brought the total for the first 10 months of the year to \$9,643,363. This is 15.4 percent above the figure for the same period of last year when the total was \$8,353,348. This is an increase of \$1,290,015 for the year-to-date. The prorated budget figure for 10 months would be \$9,372,500, meaning that for the first 10 months of the year the missions income is \$270,863 above the budget figure, Kelly pointed out.

The figure for October of this year was \$2,275 above that of the same month of last year. Since both were months of more than \$1 million income, the increase was only 2 of a percent.

The total budget for the year is \$11,247,000.

"Surely 1980 continues to be the greatest year in history for missions giving for Mississippi Baptists," Kelly noted. "Such missions consciousness is necessary if we are to be witnesses... unto the uttermost part of the earth, and we have no choice but to provide that witness," he said. "Our goal is to do it by the year 2000. Also we need this kind of experience if we are to meet our Cooperative Program missions giving goal for 1980 of \$1 million dollars every month. We must do this if we are to be faithful to our Lord's command to go," he added.

Deaf Meet Draws 87

The 1980 session of the Mississippi Baptist Conference of the Deaf had a total of 87 registered participants. Meeting Oct. 24-26 at Clinton's Camp Garaywa, the participants represented 10 churches, all of which have deaf ministries.

Highlights of the conference included sign choir from First Baptist Church, Pascagoula, and Calvary Baptist Church, Greenville, and a short drama by the Calvary group.

Program leaders were Carl Enoch, pastor to the deaf, Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; Ray Bearden, pastor to the deaf, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.; and Richard Alford, language missions consultant, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The group elected a planning committee to assist in planning the 1981 meeting. Three are hearing, five are deaf. The deaf are Linda Milan, Randy Laird, Herbert Roberts, T. "Red" Barron, and Delores Deaton. The hearing planners are Kay Hilliard, Mimi Leach, and Mary Gill.

Only Three L.A. Hotels Have SBC Rooms Vacant

LOS ANGELES (BP) — Only three of the original 12 hotels in the Southern Baptist Convention block for the annual meeting in Los Angeles have rooms remaining.

The Ambassador, with 65 rooms, the Biltmore, with 500, and the Bonaventure, with 1,300, have rooms in the \$60-80 range. The Biltmore and the Bonaventure are within 10 blocks of the convention center; the Ambassador is a couple of miles away.

Hotel rooms beyond those that cooperate with the Los Angeles Housing Bureau are available, according to SBC convention manager Tim Hedquist. There are 11,000 hotel rooms in downtown Los Angeles and the SBC has only half of them reserved.

Messengers who want to know alter-

Seminary Plans Women's Study

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary is sponsoring a Women's Leadership Seminar in "Principles of Teaching," Monday, November 10, through Thursday, November 13, 7 p.m. nightly.

The seminar will be held at the Seminary, 3160 Lynch Street, Jackson, Miss. 39209.

Leading the seminar will be Bobby Jean Murphy from the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia; Margaret Perkins from the WMU office in Birmingham, Alabama; Catherine Brogan and Alma Christine Lewis — Staff persons from the MBS Center in Jackson.

Persons interested should call Mississippi Baptist Seminary 944-1741 or write Box 10208, Jackson, Miss. 39209. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Top 25 List Includes Three From State

NASHVILLE — Three Mississippi Southern Baptist churches were among the denomination's top 25 in the number of church study course awards earned in 1979-80.

First Baptist Church, Clinton, placed 7th with 522 awards; Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, 8th, 499; and Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson 22nd, 386.

For the year a record annual growth rate of 24 percent was established in the denomination's system of 400 courses and 25 diplomas for training church leaders and members. A total of 377,066 awards were earned in 1979-80.

For the year diploma awards increased by 576 percent, from 2,697 to 18,219 diplomas. This gain is partially due to the addition of 17 diplomas to the study course system. In 1978 only seven diplomas were available; 25 are now available.

A total of 42 percent of all Southern Baptist churches participated in the church study course awards, an 11 percent increase over last year.

The survey reflected a balanced growth in 20 out of the 22 subject areas with only the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood areas showing a decrease.

The highest percentage increase was in the subject area diploma of church recreation leadership, increasing from 57 to 2,090 diplomas, a 3,567 percent increase.

To earn a diploma a specified number of courses must be completed, and each one takes an average of five hours to complete. Courses consist of books, equipping center modules, cassettes and video tapes.

Gibson, Price To Give Testimonies On RA Day

John Gibson and Jimmy Price will give their Christian testimonies during the 1980 Royal Ambassador Day at Mississippi College, Nelson Auditorium, Nov. 15.

The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. with introduction of the MC Choctaw football team and coaching staff. Gibson and Price are players on the football team. Head coach John Williams will also share his testimony.

Following this a pep rally will be held by the Choctaw cheerleaders. A snack will be served on the patio of the B. C. Rogers Student Center at 2:30. Then the ball game begins at 4 p.m. with MC playing the University of North Alabama.

Tickets need to be purchased as soon as possible from the Brotherhood of office at Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or phone 968-3934. Tickets cost \$5 per person. Price includes snack, insurance, and football game tickets.

The program is for all boys in grades 1-12 and their leadership.



Antioch Baptist Church of the (Holmes-Leflore) in the Brazzaville Community, will host the Sunrise Puppet Ministry of Midway Baptist Church, Sunday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. Sunrise will present their Christian witness through the puppet production entitled, "The Salvation Plan." Antioch Baptist cordially invites you to attend this very special evening of worship, Frank Marquis, is Interim Pastor. Co-hosting this special service will be the Harlands Creek and Beulah Baptist Churches. For information concerning the Sunrise Puppet Ministry of Midway, contact them either by writing Louis Caston 5609 Clinton Blvd., Jackson, Miss. 39209; or by calling Midway Baptist Church at 922-3064.

Two Associations Gain Directors Of Missions

Two of Mississippi's largest Baptist Associations are gaining directors of missions on the same day, Dec. 1. Bobby Perry will become director of Gulf Coast Baptist Association, and J. W. Brister will become director of Hinds-Madison Baptist Association.

Perry has for 10 years been pastor of First Baptist Church, Moss Point. Brister has been missionary/administrator for the Austin (Tex.) Baptist Association for the past three years. Prior to that, he was director of missions for the Gulf Coast Association, 1965-1977.

Brister is a native of Isola, Miss., and a graduate of Mississippi College with a bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. He held student pastorates in Mississippi and Louisiana and from 1958-1965, was pastor of First Baptist Church, Long Beach.

Brister and his wife, Virgie Lois, have two children.

Perry is a Heflin, Ala., native and a graduate of William Carey College with bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary. Carey awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree to Perry in 1978.



Perry Brister

Nov. 30 will be the tenth anniversary of Perry's ministry at the Moss Point church. The next day he begins at the association. Earlier pastorates included Calvary Baptist Church, West Point, 1967-70; Ford Creek Baptist Church, Poplarville; Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, Franklinton, La.; Second Baptist Church, Rockmart, Ga.; and Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

Perry and his wife Sue have three children. Brister replaces Fred Tarpley who is retiring (story below). Perry replaces Sam Turner, now a foreign missionary.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

- Nov. 10 Brotherhood Rally, Parkway, Jackson, 5:30 Banquet/7:30 Conference
- Nov. 11-13 State Baptist Convention
- Nov. 14-15 Area Church Organist & Pianist/College Faculty - Student Workshop and Recital, Blue Mountain, 10:00 a.m., 14th - 1:30 p.m., 15th
- Nov. 14-15 Associational Asteens Officers' Retreat, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 5:00 p.m., 14th-12:00 noon, 15th

Clarke College Alumni Dinner

Tuesday, November 11 - 4:45 P.M.
Walter Sillers Building Cafeteria
(one block from FBC, Jackson)

Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased
at the Clarke Booth in display area
at the church.

Church Page Introduction

Hosted By The Baptist Record
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Nov. 13 — 1:30-3 p.m.
At The Baptist Building
After Last Session
Of The Mississippi Baptist Convention

Includes information on how to get started using the back page of the Baptist Record as a church page; "Testimonies" from satisfied users. Costs of use — (and estimated savings).

SWBTS Alumni Plan MBC Meet

The annual gathering of Southwest Seminary former students and friends in Mississippi has been set for Nov. 12 in Jackson, Mississippi.

A 12:30 p.m. luncheon is planned at the First Baptist Church in Jackson. The meeting is held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Scott Tatum, professor of preaching, will represent the seminary. He will report on the 1979-80 academic year, which was highlighted by a record enrollment and the announcement of VISION/85 (eq), a long range plan for the 1980's.

Jim Keith (MDiv 69, ThD 75), is president of the Mississippi alumni group.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$5.00 and may be obtained by writing Keith, P. O. Drawer 70, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501.

MBREA Luncheon To Be In Clinton

The Mississippi Baptist Religious Education luncheon will be held Nov. 11 at First Church, Clinton, at 12:30 p.m. The meal will cost \$4. Reservations may be made at the Church Administration booth in Fellowship Hall. All education workers are invited to be a part of this fellowship meeting, according to Leon Emery, president.

Blue Mountain Ministerial Alumni Supper Nov. 11

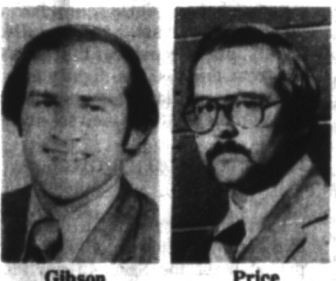
Blue Mountain College Ministerial Alumni supper will be at Calvary Church, Jackson, Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 5 p.m.

Tickets may be bought from the alumni officers at the convention or at the Blue Mountain College Display. Officers are: James A. Lewis, president; Milton Koon, vice-president; Billy W. Baker, secretary. Tickets will be \$5 each.

MC Breakfast

Mississippi College's continental breakfast for alumni will be held during the Mississippi Baptist Convention, on Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The breakfast will be in the Auxiliary Building, at the corner of the parking lot behind First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Raymond A. Ball, minister of music at Woodville Heights Church, Jackson, is president of the vocational Christian service alumni chapter.



Gibson Price

Hinds-Madison Director Retires

Fred Tarpley, director of missions for Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, retires Dec. 1 after 14 years at that post, plus two earlier years as a director of missions for Hinds Association before its merger with the Madison work.

Tarpley is to be honored at a retirement dinner tomorrow evening, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. at Jackson's Broadmoor Baptist Church.

A native of Watertown, Tenn., Tarpley earned degrees from the University of Tennessee and Southern Seminary.

He was director of missions for Hinds-Madison from 1966-80; pastor of Ridgcrest Baptist church, Jackson, 1964-66; superintendent of city missions as the post was then called, for Hinds Association, 1952-54; and earlier was pastor of Island Home Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; First Baptist Church, Barbourville, Tenn.; and First Baptist Church, Donelson, Tenn.

Tarpley and his wife Ann have three sons. Fred, Jr., works with the Government Accounting Office in Washington, D. C. John is a missionary physician with the Foreign Mission Board in Ogbomoso, Nigeria. And Joe works with Equitable Life Insurance Company in Jackson.

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be. — Thomas a Kempis

Birthday Prayer Calendar For MKs

- Nov. 4—Amy Ruth Frederick (Guadeloupe), University of Mississippi
- Nov. 11—Claude Smith (Brazil) Mississippi College
- Nov. 13—David Simmons (Spain) USM
- Nov. 16—Julie Bowers (Nigeria) Mississippi College
- Nov. 29—Lisa Lynn Horne, Mississippi Delta Junior College
- Nov. 29—Patricia Ann Johnston (Nigeria) MUW

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Editorials

Bold Mission Thrust

Excitement for the future

Has the Southern Baptist Convention Bold Mission Thrust been forgotten? Not at all. Stories are continuing to surface concerning what is going on in the realm of Bold Mission Thrust, and the Baptist Record is continuing to spread the news of these endeavors as we are made aware of them.

There is as much excitement concerning the plans and expectations for the future as there is in knowing what has gone on in the past. Keith Parks, executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, was in Jackson a few days ago; and he said volunteers are going overseas in ever increasing numbers. He noted that there were 2,600 such volunteers in 1978, there were 3,600 in 1979, and there are expectations of 5,000 in 1980.

Missionaries are being requested for foreign fields in record numbers, and more are being appointed than ever. Larger numbers of the new appointees are to serve in evangelism. The Foreign Mission Board is gearing up to enhance its evangelistic role overseas with new organizational positions on the staff to support such efforts.

A short time ago Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Baptist Record editor were in Richmond at the invitation of the Foreign Mission Board to discuss its new concepts and new directions. That meeting left no question but that evangelism is to be a large part of the missionary efforts of the future. The board may have to break out of the mold of some of its more traditional programs overseas, but it is determined to seek to carry the gospel to every corner of the earth that it can reach according to its personnel and financial possibilities.

The financial aspect is becoming a thing of growing concern at the Foreign Mission Board as rampant inflation abroad eats away at the American dollars that are provided.

Even a \$93 million budget for next year is not going to be enough to do what needs to be done; and if we are really serious about winning the world, some additional sources of finances are going to have to be tapped, Parks said.

In the meantime, what is available

will be used to the fullest extent possible.

The Home Mission Board is gearing up to provide a more aggressive witness in the inner cities of America. Home Mission Board Executive Director (now to be called president) Bill Tanner says the greatest mission field in America is in its inner cities, and the Home Mission Board will do all it can to meet the challenge.

Money and manpower are both needed. There are Mississippi Baptists who are able to go to places all over America where a witness is needed and fill that need admirably. It means paying one's own expenses and going for a period of hard work, but it also means the eternal destiny of the souls that are reached with the gospel. There are Mississippians who are in a position to take on witnessing assignments overseas and pay their own fares to get there.

Then there are those who would rather not go or do not have the opportunity to go but who could send a comparable payment to the Foreign Mission Board or to the Home Mission

Board so that someone else could go.

The mission boards are planning to appoint more career missionaries than ever before. The day of the career missionary is not over. New countries are being opened at least as fast as others are being closed by visa problems.

It is an exciting time of ministry, and a world-wide witness is an exciting concept. Such a world-wide witness means next door and down the street just as much as it means across the nation and around the world.

This is happening in an ever-accelerating fashion, and Bold Mission Thrust is making an impact all over the world. Not all is being done exactly as it was envisioned in the beginning. Hardly anything ever is. But the Word is moving at a brisker pace than had been expected.

Bold Mission Thrust is not forgotten. Ask Keith Parks and Bill Tanner. Ask Earl Kelly, Marjean Patterson, Paul Harrell, and Foy Rogers. These people and their staffs are dedicated to the task of missions endeavors continuing without let up. Bold Mission Thrust will not be forgotten.

Six-page paper

The cost squeeze cuts in

Readers of the Baptist Record have noticed that most of the issues are six pages in size recently. Normally the Baptist Record has eight pages. The reduction in size was caused by economics, and steps have been taken to correct it. For the moment, however, the six-page issues are necessary.

An increase in the cost of postage in

July was the largest item in the economic squeeze. The cost of newspaper also has continued to increase. Budgets are made up about a year and a half in advance, so it is difficult to foresee how these increases will affect conditions and to adjust subscription costs accordingly.

The subscription price increase for

1981 will allow the Baptist Record to return to regular eight-page production beginning with January. In the meantime, as circumstances allow between now and January, eight-page papers will be produced.

We are sorry that this step had to be taken. We feel it incumbent upon us to stay within our budget. At eight pages

the Baptist Record is one of the two largest state papers in square inches of area in the Southern Baptist Convention. This allows us to run more news of Mississippi people and churches than would be possible otherwise. Thus we regret the necessity of dropping to six pages, but adjustments are sometimes necessary for responsible operation.

Letters To The Editor

Merger of Clarke and Mississippi College — Why?

Editor: What can the proposed merger do for Clarke College and Christian education that Clarke College has not been doing? The obvious answer is nothing. Clarke College has a record unequaled by any other Christian College in Mississippi and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The percentage of ministerial students is higher than any other college, the number of missionaries presently serving on Home and Foreign fields is far above the average of other colleges, and the number of full-time vocational students is higher than the other three colleges. On a percentage basis, Mississippi Baptist is getting more for their Cooperative Program dollar for Christian education at Clarke College for the following reasons: The student who attends Clarke College is a special person. For this reason, the students, their needs, and their vocational choices are given personal attention. Another quality of Clarke College is its Spirit. It is indescribably strong on campus, in churches, at convention, and other meetings when one or more Clarke students get together. Clarke College has always ministered, helped, and educated students that could not or would not attend any of the other three colleges.

With the support of all Mississippi Baptist who are informed, interested, and involved in quality Christian education for their children and others who are going into full-time Christian service, Clarke College must remain free to enlist students, enlarge its campus, and return to its previous status of a four year college.

Clarke College can do more for Christian education by retaining its Christian principles, building on its tried and proven precepts of Christian education, its interest in each student,

and by increasing its missionary vision unto the uttermost parts of the world. The merger may be good, it may be the easiest thing to do, but it cannot feel that it is the best thing we can do for Christian education in Mississippi. There is nothing BOLD about this proposal.

Hugh L. Poole, Alumnus
Clarke and Mississippi College

Editor: For someone who has been a part of Clarke College, it is difficult even to think about the proposal that the Trustees, with the approval of the Education Commission and some state leaders, will present to the Mississippi Baptist Convention. It is even more incomprehensible to call the recommendation a courageous decision and to understand why your editorial was written as if the decision regarding Clarke had already been made, regardless of the vote of the delegates. Therefore, I feel led to speak on behalf of Clarke.

I have to agree that Clarke College may not survive if it continues in the trend that has been established over the last 10 years. Nevertheless, we must recognize that any time an organization, church, or institution goes through a trying period that it must be given time and assistance to overcome its past difficulties.

Institutions often employ outside counsel to study structural situations and to make recommendations for needed changes in programs, formats, or even administration and faculty. This is exactly what many Baptist Record readers were led to believe was the purpose behind the Clarke College study instituted by the Education Commission through last year's Convention. We (the readers) were reassured, even on this editorial page, that this was not a step taken to discontinue Clarke College. We were not led to believe that this would be a step taken to submerge the life of the college with a sister institution. We were, however, led to believe that this step would be the beginning of a revitalized effort on the part of the Trustees and the administration to bring about needed changes necessary for a stronger, unified Clarke College.

Clarke College does fulfill a deep need — the need of a small, intimate, and deeply committed educational experience for Baptists in our area. Neither Mississippi College nor William Carey can answer that need. If Mississippi Baptist would give their total support to Clarke College and undergird it with their prayers, it could continue to fill that need.

Juanita West
Class of '66
Former Faculty

It must be pointed out again that there is, of necessity, a 400-word limit on letters to the editor. The above letter, regrettably, had to be shortened because of that limit. The editor must retain editorial control over the let-

ters, and I sincerely try to leave the message of the letter intact when deletions are necessary. Possibly ours is the most generous of Baptist state papers in that regard. I am sure that the Trustees and the Education Commission will not feel that this is a good place for such a report that a meeting was held with a sizeable group of Newton citizens on Oct. 22 with several people prominent in the decision speaking in behalf of it. The former president of Clarke, W. Lowrey Compere, a Newton citizen and surely one who is vitally interested in the future of Clarke College, strongly defended the trustees' decision. Not a negative note was sounded before, during, or after the meeting. The trustees are the college, legally, and it is evident that they did not treat this decision lightly nor did they fail to consider every possible option that they felt was theirs. — Editor

In Defense of Smith

Editor: I am disturbed about the many negative comments toward Bailey Smith, president of the SBC. In particular concerning one statement he made about Jews and prayer. Smith's message was 40 minutes long. Nothing has been said about what he said prior to the "controversial" sentence. Nothing has been said about the content of his message after the statement he made which so many have plucked out and jumped on. This is so typical and prejudicial. Bailey Smith himself said, "I was told to speak on the distinctive role of Jesus Christ, and I did. The man who recorded that talk took 30 seconds out of a 40 minute message. What I was saying is that Jesus is the one and only Savior. He is unique, and in John 14, Jesus says, 'I am the way the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.'"

I am sure Bailey Smith does not feel he needs anyone to speak up in his behalf, but I felt compelled to do so. Any pastor who baptizes over 2,000 souls in his church in one year must be saying and doing something right. Preach on, Bro. Smith!

Jerry F. Zgarba
Pastor
Brooksville Baptist Church

Editor: May I call attention to the following quotes: Dr. Bailey Smith... "It's interesting to me at great political rallies how you have a Protestant to pray, a Catholic to pray, and then you have a Jew to pray. With all due respect to those dear people, my friends, God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew. For how in the world can God hear the prayer of a man who says that Jesus Christ is not the true messiah? It is blasphemous. It may be politically expedient, but no one can pray unless he prays through the name of Jesus Christ."

In criticism, one Rabbi... "Any-one who makes that kind of statement has no knowledge of theology. Another Rabbi... "Jesus was a

faithful Jew and to say God doesn't hear the prayers of a Jew is to say God doesn't hear Jesus' prayer," "Unfortunately, the Messiah hasn't come so we can all live in peace."

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Some quotes from the only source of authority (better read in context)... 1 John 2:22 "Who is a liar but he that denieth Jesus is the Christ (Messiah)."

John 1:11,12 "He came unto his own and his own received him not. But as many as received him; to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name."

John 10:24,30,31 "If thou be the Christ (Messiah) tell us plainly. I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones."

Acts 10:34,43. Peter to Cornelius "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

Luke 12:8-9... "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the Angels of God; but he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God."

John 14:6... "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

We who are called by his name (Christian) must unashamedly and without apology proclaim the good news of the Scripture that God is accessible to Jew and non-Jew but accessible only through Jesus Christ.

Charles P. Bass, M.D.
Columbia

Annuitant Location

Editor: The Southern Baptist Annuity Board would like for you to publish this letter with the hope that someone might give us the correct address or whereabouts of Rev. James Houston Reno. The last address we had for Rev. Reno was Hamilton, Mississippi. Several efforts have been made through the Association of Directors of Missions for Monroe Association, and also by direct mail, to locate Rev. Reno... all of which have failed.

Rev. Reno at one time participated in the retirement program and, thus, has a small benefit due him now that he is retirement age. Anyone who knows how we can call or write Rev. Reno, please call the toll free number 1-800-527-0010.

We would like to appeal to all ministers who have ever contributed to the Southern Baptist Annuity program for retirement to please keep your address current with the Annuity Board, SBC. You can do this by simply calling the toll free number listed above.

William H. Sellers
Mississippi Annuity Representative

Sign On God's Bulletin Board

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"... LET THE GREATEST AMONG YOU BECOME AS THE YOUNGEST, AND THE LEADER AS ONE WHO SERVES... I AM AMONG YOU AS ONE WHO SERVES."
— CHRIST (LUKE 22:26-27)



"... I SAY TO YOU, HE SHALL NOT LOSE HIS

REWARD

(MATT. 10:42)

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Prayer Retreat In Grenada

When I was 11 years old and in GA, I read in World Comrades about Rosalee Mills Appleby and her missionary work in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Her name had a musical sound when coupled with that of the South American city. Later I read her book, *The Life Beautiful*, and the author became one of my heroines.

About 1967 or 1968, Dr. Joe Odle asked me to interview Mrs. Appleby, retired missionary living in Canton, and I met her for the first time. She has become a dear friend.

In 1978, when I made my first (and only, to date) trip to Brazil, I wanted to go to Belo Horizonte because that was "Mrs. Appleby's city." I visited the palm-fringed hillside cemetery and saw the grave of her husband, and read on its marble tombstone the engraved words of John 3:16.

Rosalee Mills and David Appleby were married in 1924 in Tulsa, Okla. at the home of his brother.

After the two had been married only 14 months and had served 12 of those months as missionaries in Brazil, he died. A few hours after his death, their son, David, was born.

Mrs. Appleby stayed on and ministered in Brazil until her retirement. For a time she lived in Petropolis. While her baby was learning to crawl she was writing *The Life Beautiful*. Later she moved back to Belo.

Several years later, in the 1930's, when she was in the States on furlough she heard a speech by C. L. Culpepper, missionary to China. (They are the same age, except for a month's difference — 85). "He was relating the facts of the Shantung Revival, not many years after this significant happening," she wrote of his address, "And there was Holy Spirit power in the words he spoke. He told how a Chinese had been quickened by the power of God and realized that he was making an idol of ancestral treasures. But his love for the Savior caused him to take all those adored objects and set fire to them."

She continued, "The Holy Spirit

spoke to my heart and asked me if I would do as much for Christ, if my love went that far." She remembered her own treasures — the letters her husband had written before they were married, and his wedding ring. She thought of books she owned, autographed by their authors.

She said to the Lord, "I don't believe I could ever destroy those things, but I give permission for You to remove them, if they should be given up."

In a short time she returned to Brazil. She and her son had left some trunks with their treasures of the past locked up in Petropolis. A moving van was to take the trunks to Belo Horizonte. Two weeks after her return, the head of the moving company came to see her and told her that the truck carrying her things had caught fire and burned all the contents — including all her trunks from Petropolis and nearly everything she had brought from the States.

"Clear as a flash," she remembers, "His voice spoke and said, 'The things of the past are gone. Press forward without looking back.' " Two years later she received a small indemnity for the loss. She used it to help pay for a lot in Belo Horizonte on which a good mission was built up. "God had taken me at my word," she recalled. "I felt peace about it all."

This weekend, Nov. 7 and 8, Dr. Culpepper is to speak at a prayer retreat at Holiday Inn, Grenada. Avery Willis, former Southern Baptist missionary to Indonesia, is also to speak. The purpose of the retreat is "to pray for a spiritual awakening in this country." I understand that representatives of several different denominations are to take part. (Culpepper was in China during a time of spiritual awakening there, and Willis was in Indonesia at a time of spiritual awakening in that country.)

Owen Cooper said that this is one of a series of prayer retreats leading up to a national prayer retreat to be held at Ridgcrest Conference Center in North Carolina next spring.

Book Reviews

BAPTISTS AND THE BIBLE by L. Russ Bush and Tom J. Nettles, with foreword by W. A. Criswell (Moody Press, 453 pp., \$10.95).

This major work should prove an invaluable tool for researchers, scholars, and laymen. Both authors are Mississippians. L. Russ Bush, though born in Louisiana, grew up in Columbia. Tom J. Nettles was born and raised in Brandon. Each is a graduate of Mississippi College and each earned two degrees from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Bush is assistant professor of philosophy and religion and Nettles is assistant professor of church history at Southwestern Seminary.

The book digs deep into Baptist doctrines, and traces the history of Baptists from "the first modern Baptist church established in Amsterdam in 1609" up to the present day. Baptist theologians from four centuries are quoted. This thoroughly documented volume includes an index of persons, an index of subjects, an index on the Doctrine of Scripture, and an index of Scripture.

Section One discusses the origin of modern Baptists. Section Two examines the bibliography of 18th and early 19th century Baptists in both England and America. Also the beginning of the Southern Baptist Convention and its theological unanimity with the Northern Convention are discussed. The third section points out the intellectual shift of the 19th century. The final section summarizes and identifies the historic stance of Baptists on the issues relating to biblical authority.

Says Criswell, "This book is the first major objective study of Baptist views on biblical inspiration and religious authority that has found its way into print. It is wide-ranging and fair. No presupposed theories are imposed on these theologians. Each speaks for

himself, and that is as it should be. The selection of theologians is not limited to those who expound only one viewpoint. But theological unity does not come from ignoring issues; it comes by facing them, looking at their historical context, and seeking to know through them the mind of Christ. ... Baptists are a diverse people, but they are bound together by their common faith in Christ as He is revealed to us in Scripture."

Say the authors: "Our forefathers 'being dead yet speak' and we shall do well to hear them. ... Baptists, no less than other denominational groups, need to reach some kind of a consensus on what they believe doctrinally if they are to face the future with an effective, bold mission thrust."

THE SIBERIAN SEVEN (Word, 267 pp., \$3.95) Since June, 1978, seven Russians, members of two families, have lived in a basement room in the American Embassy in Moscow. A 17-year-old son of one of the families was prevented by Soviet guards from entering and was later tortured. The Russians face a dilemma. If they leave the Embassy, where they were granted asylum, and set foot on Russian soil, they will probably be punished as traitors. Yet they have not been able to obtain exit visas to America in order to escape the religious persecution they have suffered as Christians.

Correspondents have been forbidden to visit the families in their cramped quarters. So the Siberians have spent much time chronicling their lives as Pentecostal Christians in an atheistic society. Their stories include harassment, economic deprivation, exile, forced labor, and psychiatric imprisonment. British biographer John Pollock has woven their account into a book. The story is a closely documented survey of religion in the Soviet Union. It is a moving story, about real people.

VBS On Patio Is Surinam Kids' First

Zelma and James Foster, Mississippi missionaries to Surinam, held their first Vacation Bible School in Surinam Sept. 8-13, in their back yard. Opening assembly was held on their patio, and one class met under a funeral tent pitched next to the patio.

Thirty-four children enrolled; an average of 26 came daily. "We felt that the results of the school were inspiring," Mrs. Foster reported, "as four young people lifted their hands in the closing worship service, saying that they wanted to accept Jesus as their Savior, and asked for prayer."

Zelma was director of the school, and other missionaries were teachers. James gave a missionary message every day. Besides those under the tent, one group met in the carport and two groups in the house. They marched from the front gate around the house to the patio, to taped music a neighbor had recorded on a cassette tape.

"We conducted it as a VBS would be conducted in the States, except that we sang the national anthem in Dutch," Mrs. Foster said. "This was the first time the children and youths had ever attended a VBS. They loved it and wished it could be longer."

She added, "We had a five-day school followed on Saturday by a recognition service, games, and a picnic. We all felt it was a great success and look forward to another one next year. We know that there will be more children next year as the children were so enthusiastic this year and will spread the word."

Good follow-up with parents of the



Zelma Foster leads in prayer during back yard VBS. The funeral tent in the background was used as a classroom for one VBS group.



Salute to the Surinam flag.



Surinam youths read a Scripture passage from the Joint Service Book, during VBS in the Fosters' back yard.

War On Religion Increases

MUNICH (BP) — "The war on religion not only continues in Poland, but has increased," says Bishop Rozwadowski of Lodz. This statement appeared in the Bishop's recent pastoral letter, according to a report released by Keston College.

The indictment is a result of an article which appeared in the May 31st *Glos Robotniczy* (Workers' Voice), the Lodz Communist Party daily.

In the article the head of the local party committee is demanding that only atheists be employed as teachers at Polish primary and secondary schools and as university lecturers. This, said the party leaders, would ensure "proper ideological formation of the Polish youth."

Bishop Rozwadowski is protesting this action as a direct violation of Polish civil law which provides five years' imprisonment for those who violate a citizen's rights because of his religious beliefs.

New York (EP) — Severe cash shortages could be the biggest threat to Bible printing and distribution during the next decade according to top officials of the United Bible Societies meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The 220 leaders from 90 nations say that more than wars, antagonistic regimes, and the closing of borders, the major factor holding up the distribution of Scriptures in the 1980's is the shortage of cash to pay for printing them.

children has been possible. Mrs. Foster said, "One interesting sidelight was that the mother of one of the little boys who came is my beautician and was so impressed with what the school had meant to her son that she would not let me pay anything for my shampoo and set the week of VBS and even now she insists that I only pay her half price. She and two of her sisters are now interested in attending our services."

The Sunday after the Bible School ended the Fosters began a Sunday School class for 7 through 9-year-olds. They expect to begin other classes as soon as teachers can be secured and trained.

They reported, "So far there have been 19 professions of faith under our ministry. Two professions of faith in the Sunday evening service were given by a mother and her 12-year-old son. Fourteen professions of faith have been connected with the ministry that James conducts in two prisons—one in Paramaribo and one in New Amsterdam, across the river." They added, "We praise the Lord for his leadership and power. Keep praying for us."

Two From State Religious Educators Will Take Frosty Training Trip

ATLANTA — Religious educators from temperate parts of the Southern Baptist Convention plan to brave sub-zero temperatures so they can train Alaskans to teach the Bible.

Twenty ministers of religious education — none of whom lives farther north than Virginia — will spend two weeks in February working with Southern Baptist churches in Alaska, said Robert E. Bingham, trip coordinator and Services Section director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Mississippi residents making the trip are William E. Hardy Jr. of First Baptist Church, Columbus, and Dan Wynn of Oak Forest Baptist Church, Jackson.

The Southerners will conduct Bold Church Education Conferences in the dead of winter because that's when Alaskans are most likely to be in church, said John Allen, missions director for the Alaska Baptist Convention.

"In summer, everybody's gone from home, and it's too muddy and slushy for good transportation in the breakup period of spring," Allen explained. "In fall, we're busy with revivals. That leaves January through March, one of the nicest times for us, even though it's cold."

Assuming the religious educators

can thaw out enough to go to work, Allen said the Alaskans want help in key areas.

"We want these people to perform teacher training," he said. "We can't grow solid evangelical churches without strong training programs, particularly Sunday School and Church Training."

"I don't know of any church in Alaska that has long-range education goals," he added. "And all of the churches have less than 25 percent of their members enrolled in Church Training."

The project coincides with the state convention's goal for the '80s, Allen said.

It takes a heap o' livin' in a house 't make it home.

A heap o' sun an' shadder, an' ye sometimes have to roam. Afore ye really 'preciate the things ye lef' behind.

An' hunger for 'em somehow, with 'em allus on yer mind. —E. A. Guest

Homecomings

Emmanuel Church, Leake County, will have Harvest Day on Sunday, Nov. 30. The church, organized in 1978, is the newest in Leake County. It entered a new building in August of 1979 and dedicated it Nov. 25, 1979. The pastor, Percy M. Cooper, said, "On Harvest Day the church trusts the Lord will so bless that the harvest will be sufficient to pay all of the debt on the church. He has blessed in a most wonderful way at Emmanuel."

Sand Hill Church, Richton, will hold homecoming Nov. 9. The morning speaker for the 108th anniversary celebration will be Mrs. Jean Wade Cassells who grew up in this church and is now a pastor's wife in Canada. A High Attendance Day is planned for Sunday School, as well as special music for the 11 a.m. service. An afternoon service will follow a noon meal at the church. The pastor is Claude H. Fortenberry.

Salem Heights Church (Jones) will observe homecoming, Nov. 9. Dinner on the grounds will follow the morning sermon, which will be brought by the pastor, D. J. Benson.

"It will be a day of thanksgiving and remembering, because on this Sunday in 1977, we met to break ground for our first building," states Lola Austin, member.

Celebration Day: 1st, Lauderdale

First Church, Lauderdale's Sunday School is planning a Celebration Day for Nov. 16.

Activities will include Sunday School at 9:45; morning worship at 11; a fellowship meal at the church at 12; and hymn sing, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Mrs. W. F. Daniels reports that two goals have been set: "every resident member present for Sunday School" and "building debt retirement offering, \$4,000."

T. R. Darsey is the youth director; Tommy Harrison is choir director; Jerry Bishop is pastor.

Van Nuys Votes Yes To The Cooperative Program

VAN NUYS, Calif. (BP) — First Baptist Church of Van Nuys, California's largest independent Baptist congregation, has voted to include the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention in its 1981 missions budget.

The 11,600-member church will give 20 percent of its missions budget in 1981 and 33 1/3 percent of its missions budget in 1982.

Prior to the action by the church's missions board and the trustees, the church cooperated only through designated gifts by church members. "This is the new spirit of the First Baptist Church," Jess Moody, pastor, said. "We are no longer a giant independent, we are now a giant cooperative."

In 1978 the church considered chang-

ing its bylaws to join the association. The effort was defeated when it failed to achieve a two-thirds majority affirmative vote. Moody said he doesn't anticipate the church will consider the issue again any time soon. "We are taking it one day at a time."

By contributing to the Cooperative Program the church will be eligible to send messengers to the state convention and the national Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting.

The pastor, who has served the California church for the past four years, said the missions portion of the 1981 church budget is projected to be nearly \$300,000. The 20 percent earmarked for the Cooperative Program "should be between \$50,000 and \$60,000," he said.

The pastor also explained the church will continue its contributions to the Conservative Baptist Association of America's missions program. This support provides direct assistance to missionaries on the field. "We would never bring ourselves to completely discard that program," Moody said.

Carl Bates Will Teach At Southern

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Carl E. Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1971-72, will become senior professor of pastoral ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary effective Feb. 1.

Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C., has been president of both the Texas and the North Carolina Baptist state conventions. He is a member of the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance.

His wife, the former Myra Gray, was second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1976.

Before moving to Charlotte, Bates was pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas, 1959-59, and also served churches in Texarkana, Texas, Leesburg, Fla., and Winchester, Ky.

Bates holds the bachelor and master of theology degrees from Southern Seminary, and is an alumnus of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. He has received honorary degrees from Baylor University, Wake Forest University, Campbell College, Mississippi College, and Judson College.

Revival Dates

Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg: Nov. 12-16: "Discovery Revival"; Manley Beasley of Euless, Tex., revivalist, author, and president of Gospel Harvesters Foundation, evangelist; Dan Guest, minister of music at Bowmar, in charge of music; Harold Jordan, pastor; 7:30 nightly, plus luncheon meetings Thursday and Friday.

Southside, Columbus: Nov. 9-12; lunch at church on Sunday followed by singing in the afternoon; services at 7 p.m.; H. L. Jennings, pastor, Pleasant Grove, Hamilton, Ala., evangelist; Cecil Blakeney of Columbus, singer; Mrs. Claudine Hickey of Southside, Musician; John L. Cook, Jr., pastor.

The sum which two married people owe to one another defies calculation. It is an infinite debt, which can only be discharged through all eternity. — Goethe



Church Media Workshop

Members of the Mississippi Baptist Library Association met for their ninth annual Church Media Workshop Oct. 24 and 25 at First Baptist Church, Greenville, Miss. Fifty-eight were present. They elected officers for 1980-81. Mrs. C. H. Wood (seated) of Louisville, Miss., First Church, was re-elected president. Other officers are, left to right: Mrs. F. L. Lumms, Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Eugene Flitts, First Church, Corinth, historian; Mrs. Clyde Day, First Church, McComb, program chairman; Mrs. Curtis Seale, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, publicity chairman; and Mrs. Edwin Lewis, First Church, Jackson, vice-president.

The workshop, attended chiefly by church librarians, was sponsored by the Sunday School department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, under direction of Moses Dangerfield, consultant.



Millie Wood, left, president, Mississippi Baptist Library Association, chats with Peggy Tacon and James Rose at coffee break time during the Church Media Workshop at Greenville. Mrs. Tacon, librarian at Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, led a conference on book repair. James Rose, consultant, Church Media/Library department, Baptist Sunday School Board, directed sessions in beginning library work.



Ezell is director of the Church Media/Library department, Baptist Sunday School Board, SBC.

Ron Tyndall, associate pastor, First Church, Greenville, in a devotional message on Saturday morning, said: "The media ministry of the church must begin with the media director's believing in the power of the Word of God. Do you get the Word out? God has never quit using people who care." The theme of the workshop was "Witness... The Media Way."

Others on program included Mrs. W. H. Hight of First Church, Louisville; Mrs. Edwin Lewis of First Church, Jackson; Keith Mee, James Rose, and Jacquelyn Anderson of the Baptist Sunday School Board; and James Heflin, pastor, First Greenville, Mrs. Charles Stanford is librarian at First, Greenville.

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First, Starkville, Will Dedicate D. C. Applegate Building Nov. 9

First Church, Starkville will dedicate its new Education-Music Building Sunday, Nov. 9. The building has been named the Applegate Building in honor of D. C. Applegate, pastor of the church 1954-1971, and pastor emeritus, 1971 to the present. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be the pulpit guest.

The Applegate Building is a three-story educational unit, containing all the departments in the Youth division and most all of the departments in the Adult division. A music suite, consisting of a choral rehearsal room, music offices and library, bell rehearsal room and robing rooms, is also part of the new structure. The 28,000 square foot structure replaces education space formerly housed in the old Sanctuary building constructed in 1889 with subsequent additions and renovations and an adjoining residence. The cost of the building was \$1,300,000.

The service of dedication will take place at the 10:50 a.m. worship service and will be followed by dinner-on-the-ground, and an open house from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The service of dedication will include special music by the Sanctuary Choir with brass ensemble, the Men's Quartet, and a Chinese Choir, consisting of students and wives of Mississippi State University from Taiwan and Hong Kong, most of whom share in the fellowship of First Baptist Church. Maurice Kennedy, chairman of the Building Committee, will recognize those who played a vital role in the design and construction of the building including: Thomas S. Jones and Associates, architects; Van Landingham Lumber Company, general contractor; Parker Brothers Plumbing and Heating Company, mechanical contractor; Hollis Brothers Refrigeration and Electrical Company, electrical contractors; Ed Martin, landscape architect; Phillips Garden Center, landscaping; and the Building Committee, made up of Howard Willford, Henry Nash, Burrell Hood, III, Edith Millsaps and Nolan Vickers.

A main feature of the worship service will be the unveiling of a portrait of D. C. Applegate which will be hung in the main foyer of the building named in his honor. His daughter, Mrs. Sharon Applegate Nobles, will unveil the portrait. Applegate, a victim of multiple sclerosis which forced his early retirement nearly a decade ago, will attend the service, health permitting, as is his custom. Applegate is a former president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

R. Raymond Lloyd is pastor, Douglas Day, Minister of Education, C. Truitt Roberts, minister of music, and Mrs. Patsy Wilson, director of the Creative Learning Center.

Staff Changes

Harry Boudreaux is now at Holmesville Church (Pike) as minister of music.

First Church, Ocean Springs has called Beaver Charpie as minister of youth and youth music. Beaver goes from Bellefontaine Church, Ocean Springs, where he served as minister of music and youth. He is a graduate of William Carey College and is a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Lamar Pickens has resigned as pastor of Bellevue Church, Pontotoc County, and is available as supply, interim, or full-time pastor.

Edd Pettit, former pastor of Camp Springs, has accepted the pastorate of Hebron Church, Pontotoc County.

Marion Payne has resigned as pastor of Locust Hill Church, Pontotoc County.

David Goslee, new pastor of the Toxish Church, Pontotoc County has moved on the field.

Johnny Dalton has accepted the position as minister of music and youth at Central Church, Brookhaven. He is a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College, with a degree in music education.

Dalton resigned the North Jackson Church in Jackson before assuming his new duties. His wife is the former Dianne Johnson of Jackson. Paul Wilson is pastor of Central Church.

Darryl Petry, minister of music and youth at Navilla Church (Pike), and his wife have a new son, Joel Edison Petry, born Oct. 19.

Tom Moak has resigned as minister of music at South McComb Church. He is going to Pleasant Hill (Lincoln).



Mississippi Is Ninth At Southwestern

Members of the Mississippi Club at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., represent the ninth largest state representation within the student body. President of this year's organization, which includes 120 members, is Rich Malone of Jackson. Ernie Brunson of Jackson is president of the student body.

Front row, left to right, the club members are: Whit Holmes, Gulfport; Norval Sykes, Senatobia; Louis May, Columbus; Stan Anders, Jackson; David Allen, Louisville; Johnny Buckner, Starkville; Mike Myers, Kosciusko; Anne Davis, Jackson.

Second row: Mickey Bailey, Senatobia; Charles Nored, Cleveland; Steve Shaffer, Clarksdale; Bill Jagger, Jackson;

Mark True, Poplarville; Rose Alldridge Bear, Grenada; and Cynthia Mahaffey, Jackson.

Third row: Tim Sullivan, Jackson; David Barnes, Jackson; Ken Hall, Oxford; David Smith, Ellisville; Billy Johnson, Laurel; Jackie Winters, Natchez.

Fourth row: Ron Budenich, Oxford; Bill Barrett, Lexington; Susan Ratcliff, Gulfport; Bina Borde, Columbus; Ernie Brunson, Jackson; David Sapp, Hattiesburg.

Fifth row: Jeff Powell, Jackson; John Cockrell, Carthage; Marc Pendley, Caledonia; Keith Stamps, Clinton; Linda Smith, Jackson; Paula G. Smith, North Carrollton; Danny Burnham, Puckett; Rich Malone, Jackson.

Radio, TV Give 3,666 Hours Public Service

Everyone these days is fighting inflation, and the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission is no exception. But with the help of state radio and television stations, the Commission increased the investment Mississippi Baptists made in the commission through 1979-80 Cooperative Program gifts.

During the 1979-80 fiscal year, radio and television stations throughout Mississippi gave 3,666 hours of public service time to Baptist programming. Each week 100 Mississippi radio and TV stations air 141 Commission-produced programs.

The Radio-Television Commission's share of money given by Mississippi Baptists to the Cooperative Program last year was \$146,465.91. Commercial time sold for one-minute spot announcements costs from \$3 in the smallest broadcast markets to \$350 in larger metro-areas such as New York City or Los Angeles. Prices also depend on the time of day the spot is aired and the size of the station.

Chenault Resigns

B. J. Chenault, a senior vice president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, has resigned his position as director of the institution's Endowment Department.

In his resignation to Darold H. Morgan, president of the Board, Chenault said he will enter private business as a tax consultant specializing in estates, trusts, charitable giving and fundraising — specialized fields in which he holds strong interest. Chenault has agreed to serve as consultant to the endowment work of the board.

When the Annuity Board's trustees approved the creation of the Endowment Department in 1978, Chenault was the person assigned to establish and direct it.

He joined the Board in 1963 as comptroller and treasurer, and directed the Finance and Accounting Division as senior vice president for nine years. He was serving in this capacity when asked to head the Endowment Department.

Morgan said the endowment activities will be directed by the Board's staff, with help from a special Endowment Development Council composed of concerned Baptist businessmen and lay leaders.

ASSIST Team Conducts School In Jackson Co.

The Jackson County Baptist Association recently conducted a Central Training School for Sunday School workers. A total of 165 people enrolled in the school conducted by the Associational Sunday School (ASSIST) Team. Of this number, 104 attended all five hours of the conferences and received study course credit. Eighteen churches were represented. Jim Dalrymple is associational Sunday School director. Allen O. Webb is executive director.

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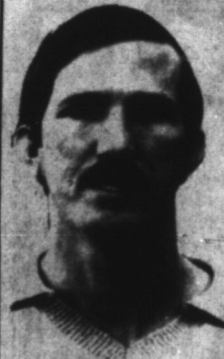
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Immanuel Will Dedicate Sanctuary

Immanuel Church, Vicksburg, Warren Association, will have dedication services on Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. for a new building.

The building includes a sanctuary, office space, a library, and additional class rooms. A.G. Gray is the pastor of Immanuel.

Attendance Hits Peak, Minister Does Likewise

MILTONVALE, Kansas (EP via RNS) — Gary Brooks climbed to the roof of the First United Methodist Church here and casually ate his lunch.

He doesn't usually go aloft for lunch or anything else. It's just that he promised his congregation if they doubled normal attendance one Sunday he'd do it.

Normal attendance at the church in Miltonvale, population 600, is 40. But 91 showed up in answer to the preacher's challenge. But Mr. Brooks had the last laugh. "We had set that day to kick off a whole series of events for the fall season, and I thought it would be nice if there were a lot of people attending church," he confessed.

Beware of a half-truth. You may have gotten hold of the wrong half.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Robinson recently joined the staff of First, Ellisville.

Robinson has accepted the position as minister of music/activities and his wife, Wanda, as church organist. They moved to First Church from the Indian Springs Church, Laurel.

Robinson also serves with the state Church Music department as consultant and handbell clinician.

Arnold Davis has been called as pastor of New Salem (Lowndes).

Danny Cheatham is interim pastor at Adatan in Oktibbeha County.

Brooks Turner has accepted the pastorate of Longview Church, Oktibbeha County, and has moved on the field.

Peter Ross Haik is serving as pastor of the Arcola Church, at Arcola in Washington Association. He formerly served at Vacherie Baptist Mission and Lebadieville Baptist Mission, New Orleans, La.

A native of Greenville, Haik is the son of the late Lillian Wynne Haik of Greenville, Miss., and Ellis Haik of Monroe, La. He received the doctor of theology degree May 17, 1980, from New Orleans Seminary.

Bob Lynch began his pastorate Nov. 1 at Central Church, McComb.



Shiloh Celebrates 50th Year

Some 250 members and friends of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Claiborne County gathered for the 50th anniversary of the church Sunday, Oct. 19.

The church was built as a Methodist church around the turn of the century, but by 1930 a number of Baptists had moved into the neighborhood and permission was given them to use the frame structure.

The church was chartered in 1930 with A. J. Hughes as the first Baptist

pastor. He was succeeded in 1947 by A. E. (Andy) Hamilton who served until 1975. Two other pastors served until the present one, Leland Tim Patrick of Converse, La., who began his ministry there in August, 1978.

The church has grown from a one-room frame building to the present structure which has been brick-venered and now includes a fellowship hall, classrooms, and a kitchen.

The pastor and his family are housed in a nearby trailer. Present membership totals 135.

Tommy Ray Bufkin of the Ludlow Baptist Church in Scott County, who was ordained by the Shiloh Church, was a visitor Oct. 19.

The day's program consisted of morning worship and Sunday School, dinner in the fellowship hall, and an afternoon program to dedicate the newly-installed church steeple.

Autograph Party — State Convention — Tuesday, Nov. 11 9 to 11 a.m., Baptist Book Store Exhibit

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Names In The News...



ROZANNE PRATT and ANN BARNES were each crowned Queen at the West Corinth Church Acteen Coronation Service, Sept. 28, in Corinth. They received their crowns by accomplishing the required steps in the Studiet program. Wayne Campbell is pastor of the church and Mrs. Corrinna Russell in WMU director. Left to right are Teresa Lewis, Acteens leader, Queen Rozanne Pratt, Queen Ann Barnes, and Sherry Oakman, Acteens leader.



David Millican, pastor of South McComb Church, has been named part-time chaplain at Southwest Regional Medical Center. He has been a volunteer chaplain at the hospital since it opened 11 years ago and also has been chairman of the hospital's volunteer program.

He is a graduate of William Carey College, has a master's degree in theology, and has done graduate work in counseling at USM.

Tommy Hester, Boy Scout, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hester, III, was given the God and Country award in a recent service at Bellevue Church, Shelby, Carl Prewitt, pastor. (Bellevue Church now has 93 members, having added 14 during the past year. The church held a note burning and dedication service last spring.)

Harold Pollard has been told by his physician to give up his work as janitor at First Church, Hattiesburg. He has kept the buildings in which the church has met for more than 40 years.

PASTOR and MRS. WILBUR B. WEBB recently celebrated 30 years in the ministry. He is the present pastor of Drew Church, Drew, Miss.

Missionary News

Ralph and Gena Calcote, missionaries to Japan, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rt. 1, Box 116, Wesson, Miss. 39191).

David and Linda Finnell, missionaries to Malaysia/Singapore, may be addressed at 8 Leicester, Singapore 1335. Born in Lexington, Ky., he also lived in Dallas, Texas; Jackson and Tupelo, Miss., while growing up. She is the former Linda Lipscomb of Jackson.

Randy Leslie, missionary journeyman to Uruguay, has returned to

the States on medical leave (address: 317 Lumpkin Ave., Tupelo, Miss. 38801), his hometown. Before he was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1980, he was minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Shannon, Miss., and pastor of Union Hill Baptist Church, Nettleton, Miss.

John and Nell Smith, missionaries to Indonesia, are on a temporary assignment in Norway (address: North Sea Baptist Church, Bergjensdaga 24, 4000 Stavanger, Norway). They are natives of Brookhaven.

I. D. and Marie Walker, Jr. were among 36 persons named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 14 at New Bridge Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. As missionary associates, the Walkers will work in Germany, where he will be an English-language pastor and she will be a church and home worker. Until recently he was associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, and she was a secondary school librarian for the Lubbock Public Schools. He was born in Shawnee, Okla. She is the former Marie Hollimon of Tuscaloosa, Ala. She formerly was a librarian in Columbia, Miss., Lubbock, and Fairbanks. The Walkers have three grown children.

James W. Shoemaker, pastor of Indian Springs Church, Perry Association, was cited as Pastor Of The Year

at the annual meeting of the association, by B. F. Smith, director of missions. In his first year as pastor Shoemaker led his church to record giving in all mission categories, while

Shoemaker also serving as director of Sunday School and VBS in the association. His church earned half of all the study course awards earned in the association.

Shoemaker is a native of Jones County and is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. His wife is the former Jane Herrington, and they have three children.



The award is the highest that can come to an entering female. The scholarship was established in the spring of 1973 as a permanent memorial to the 15-year-old daughter of President (at left) and Mrs. Lewis Nobles of Mississippi College who lost her life in an automobile-bicycle accident.

Miss Browning will be studying toward a career as a medical doctor while attending Mississippi College. Both of her parents are alumni of Mississippi College.

70 Leake County GAs Hear Of Guam Missions

GAs of Leake County met Oct. 15 at Freney Church for an association-wide meeting of all Girls in Action. For this first GA gathering of the new church season there were 70 GAs and leaders in attendance. Mrs. Martha Ellen Marler from Harpersville, Miss., missionary on furlough from Guam, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Marler showed slides and told about her work in Guam.

Several girls, Tess Ramsey, Sherry Wallace, Terri Sanders, Tracy Ellis told of their experiences at Camp Garaywa this summer, as Leake County GAs went as an associational

group to Garaywa in July. Corinth Church was in charge of the prayer calendar. Freney GAs led the Girls in Action song. Mrs. Alice Griffin acted as hostess. The women of Freney Baptist Church supplied refreshments following the program.

W. C. Smith and his wife were special guests. He is Leake county missionary.

"The GAs of Leake County are growing. We have several new groups started this year. We are proud of these girls and their leaders for their work," said Mrs. Peggy Callahan, GA director for Leake County.

Iuka, Greenville Head Lists Of Study Awards

Iuka Baptist Church and First Church, Greenville, head two significant lists of study course awards in Mississippi.

Iuka was first in the state in the number of Church Training Leadership study course awards while the

Greenville church led the state in Baptist Doctrine awards. Rubine Shoffner is director of Church Training at Iuka, and Owen Keeling leads the Church Training program at First, Greenville.

Plainway Church, Jones; Petal-Harvey, Lebanon; and Locke Station and Hebron Churches, Panama, complete the top five in Church Training leadership awards. The top five in Baptist Doctrine Awards following First, Greenville, are Kreole and Ingalls Avenue, Jackson Association; Oak Forest and Calvary in Hinds-Madison Association; and West Heights, Pontotoc Association. Two of the above tied for fifth place.

Plans are being made to present certificates of recognition to these churches in the near future. All churches listed in the top twenty-five in each category will receive special certificates. Those which are not presented in the churches by a Church Training department staff person will be presented at their associational "M" Night.

New Hope Dedicates Hall Of Fellowship

New Hope Church in Lawrence County dedicated a new multi-purpose fellowship hall on Oct. 12. The building has folding partitions so that it can be used as classrooms or as a fellowship hall. It also contains a kitchen, restrooms, storage room, and a pastor's study.

Talmadge Smith, a former pastor, preached the dedication sermon during homecoming service. There was a covered dish lunch followed by an afternoon of singing.

The Building Committee included W. J. (Dub) Nelson, chairman; Earl Catt, Jerry King, Mrs. Loraine Hyde, and Mrs. Vonece Thames. Drew D. Blanton is pastor.

An aspiring young writer once asked author-humorist Ring Lardner how he wrote his enormously successful short stories.

"You make it seem so easy," said the younger writer. "Do you follow a formula?"

"As a matter of fact I do," replied Lardner. "I begin by taking a few sheets of paper and then I write down a number of widely separated words. The rest is simple. I just go back and fill in the empty spaces."

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THE VILLAGE VIEW

FROM

Baptist Children's Village

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Happy Thanksgiving!

For those of us who have invested our lives in The Village and its children, every day is — or should be — a day of Thanksgiving! The redeeming, uplifting and redirecting potential of a child care service which evolves from faith in and commitment to the gospel of grace is enacted before us every day, as we witness the difference which this ministry makes to children and young people, who come to us for care, and to their troubled and divided families.

We know that you, friends of children, friends of The Children's Village, friends of God, make this life-changing experience possible for hundreds of our boys and girls each year. We know that we are privileged in being allowed to serve at this old and honored mission. We know that our identity as a mission agency of Mississippi Baptists makes us "special." We know in whom we have believed and we know that his grace is, indeed, sufficient for all our needs! For all this — and more — we are grateful, every day!

Nevertheless, for The Children's Village, as for all Americans, THANKSGIVING DAY is a particularly meaningful time of gratitude and blessing-counting. It is also the formal beginning of the HOLIDAY SEASON which is so important to the Village youngster and his needs. At this special time, and to you, our special friends, we lift our voices in a literal chorus of appreciation this Thanksgiving, for all you mean to our children. The Baptist Children's Village, its young people and staff, on the Jackson Campus, on the Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County, in the New Albany Group Home, at Dickerson Place in Lincoln County, join in thanking God for you this year, as we wish for you the love, peace and togetherness which home and family can bring.

Sincerely,
PAUL N. NUNNERY
Executive Director

Nunnery Completes Twentieth Year

The Village staff on its Jackson campus honored Paul N. Nunnery, our Executive Director, and Mrs. Nunnery, with a luncheon, in Gaddis Cottage on the Jackson campus, on the anniversary of his twentieth year of service as Administrator of The Baptist Children's Village. Nunnery, a former resident of Hollandale, Mississippi, where he practiced law, assumed his responsibilities at the child care agency on October 15, 1960, and has served continuously as the principal administrative and executive officer, since that date.

Henry M. Glaze, Home Life Director of the Village's Jackson campus, served as Master of Ceremonies at the informal occasion, and the housemothers in Gaddis Cottage, Mrs. Macel Brown and Mrs. Helen Harris were hostesses at the delicious luncheon. All staff members on the Jackson Campus, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Deane Rodgers from the Village's Farrow Manor campus, attended and assisted in the preparation and serving of the luncheon meal.

Various mementos of Village service were presented to the Nunnerys, including an engraved plaque which recorded this sentiment: "Paul and Dorothy Nunnery, Because you have loved us and shared with us, our lives have been richly blessed: We love you, and we thank you; The Children and Staff of The Baptist Children's Village; October 15, 1980."



D. P. Smith, Acteen Consultant, W.M.U. hands gift of love for Village children from Mississippi Acteens and G.A.'s to Sharon Stone, the Village's Financial Secretary.

No "Christmas Sparkles" This Year

In late May of 1980, we announced termination of choral music as a structured, full-time therapeutic ministry on the Village's Jackson campus, and the discontinuance of our Department of Music as a full-time, organized effort. Staff members heretofore employed in the Department of Music were reassigned to other duties. Mrs. Ruth Glaze has assumed the duties of Christian Education Director, and Miss Sharon Stone has become our Financial Secretary.

In his announcement of this action, which became effective on June 1, 1980, Executive Director Nunnery expressed regret of Trustees and Administration for the necessity of the action which temporarily affects the Village custom of dispatching choral groups to various Mississippi Baptist churches to participate, through choral music, in the worship services of those churches, and which also affects choral concerts presented by Village children on the Jackson campus, from time to time, notably the well-attended "Christmas Sparkles at The Village" feature. With the approach of the holiday season, we felt a responsibility to remind Village friends who have loyally attended these performances for the past 15 years, and who may now be making plans, that there will be no "Christmas Sparkles" this year.

Since choral music was first instituted as a Village service in 1961, it has occasioned, for staff and children, many of our happiest, proudest and most productive moments. Because of the popularity of the ministry and the loyal support of Village friends, choral music has almost become synonymous with our Baptist ministry of child care on the Jackson campus. We are genuinely saddened by the changes in times, circumstances and children which absolutely require that we discontinue this very expensive, but very fruitful program, at least, temporarily.

A continuing acceleration in the rapid turnover of children and young people moving throughout custodial care; the fact that the heavy majority of young people newly admitted to Village custody are now older teenagers; the differing and frequently difficult social and emotional problems and challenges which accompany many young people currently being admitted to Village custody; the fact that a structured program of choral music no longer meets nor services the primary and most urgent needs of a typical Village ward; and the corresponding

necessity to continuously evaluate and change our Village services so as to more nearly accommodate the mission we are now called to perform, have all combined with the now prohibitive costs attendant upon our music program, to dictate a decision to discontinue choral music, as an on-campus feature, for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Nunnery has stated that the decision and its announcement constituted a painful experience for him, both personally and in his official capacity, but emphasized that good child care stewardship demanded that Village resources, financial and otherwise, should constantly be re-evaluated and restructured so as to more nearly meet the changing needs of children, in constantly changing times. He also stated his determination to reinstitute choral music as a regular part of the Jackson campus program, as rapidly as the changing circumstances will allow. Everyone at the Village thanks our friends for their support of this attractive effort in the past, as we ask those friends to join us in the prayer that we may be enabled, at an early date, to reinstitute and recommence such a program.

Mrs. Jessie S. Nolen retired from active service as a houseparent at the Village. Mrs. Nolen's retirement is particularly significant because it terminates more than 18 years of service to the Village and its children. Mrs. Nolen having joined our staff on her birthday, September 15, 1962 and having worked continuously at her staff position as a housemother since that date. It is believed, from a search of Village records that only one other individual has ever served as a housemother at The Village, or at Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, its predecessor organization, longer than Mrs. Nolen. At a luncheon served in Reedy Cottage on the Farrow Manor Campus, Mrs. Nolen was honored on her retirement in remarks delivered by Executive Director Paul N. Nunnery and through gifts from Village children and staff associates.

All of us at The Village are excited to welcome Mrs. Peggy S. Taylor back to active service on our staff. Mrs. Taylor, the first Social Worker employed by the current administration at the Village, first joined us on February 15, 1963. Her total Village service has already aggregated 15 years, interrupted on two occasions by

her husband's transfer in his business to out-of-state locations. Mrs. Taylor has worked as a social caseworker, as the first Director of our Department of Social Service, and as an Administrative Assistant to Social Service and personnel. In addition to her rich Village experience, Mrs. Taylor has worked extensively in the public sector, in Jackson, Mississippi and Atlanta, Georgia, with disturbed youth and adults, in the Mental Health field, and with neglected and dependent children. She rejoins the Village staff as Social Service Coordinator, with responsibilities for all Village foster homes and families, selected older teen-agers with special problems, and houseparent, in-service training.

Children and staff in our New Albany Group Home are enjoying the luxuries of a new house! Because of the continued interest and generosity of our friends in First Baptist Church of New Albany, the residence of our New Albany "family" has been moved from 411 Bankhead Street to 202 East Bankhead Street. The new residence is just next door to the church, in the lovely brick home which served the church for many years as a parsonage. The full-size attic of the house has been completed, sealed and decorated as bedrooms and bath for boys, and a stairway has been installed. The quarters are much larger, newer and more comfortable than those we formerly occupied in New Albany. From the beginning of our Village operations in New Albany in February of 1972, First Baptist Church of New Albany has always furnished a building to the Village free of any rental charge. Without this substantial mission involvement on the part of the local church, the intervening, fruitful and happy years in what we believe to be the superior child care facility of any type, anywhere in Mississippi, would not have been possible.



Presenting Our Staff

Miss Sharon Stone, Financial Secretary on the Jackson campus since April of 1978.

Elton J. Hardy, Manager Supply Department on the Jackson campus since September, 1977.



A Village newcomer explores the children's play park, Jackson campus.

The Village Holiday At Christmas

Mrs. Claire Nowlin, Director of the Village's Department of Social Service, has announced that the Village holiday at Christmas will commence on Friday, December 19 and extend to Saturday, January 3, 1981. Approved, private homes who may be interested in having a Village ward visit during this popular holiday period are encouraged and urged to contact Mrs. Nowlin, at our Jackson address, which is Box 11308, Jackson, 39213 at the earliest possible moment. We regularly receive more visitation requests for the Christmas holiday than we have children available for the visit. This fact is particularly true of the younger children, and it should be remembered that the statistical majority of children under care at the Village are more than 14 years of age, and that not every Village child is available to be placed for the holiday outside his natural home. An honest attempt to place the children on a first-requested, first-served basis is made, subject to special natural family, social and emotional needs in the cases of certain children. Private homes and families who have not entertained Village children previously will be asked to furnish a reference from the local pastor.

Village friends interested in entertaining a child who resides on our Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County, or in our New Albany group home, may, if they prefer, contact our social caseworker in residence on the Farrow Manor Campus, who is Mrs. Becky Rhodes at P. O. Box 168, Independence, Mississippi, 38638. Invitations are already being received, and we would urge interested friends to act promptly.



DEDICATION SERVICES for the new education wing of Highland Church, Tate County, were held Sunday, August 11. Claude Howe, former pastor of Highland, delivered the dedication sermon.

The new structure, which consists of several classrooms, pastor's study, and church office, is the first phase of a multi-building program that will include more classrooms and a

fellowship hall. The structure is completely debt free, having been built by the members who gave of their time, talents, and tithes.

Highland Church was constituted Sept. 15, 1974, with 29 charter members. The present membership is 115. Michael Hunt is pastor.



CALVARY CHURCH, OAK GROVE (Lamar County) honored its Senior Adults (above) on Oct. 19. At the beginning of the morning worship service each Senior Adult was presented a certificate of membership by the pastor, Douglas E. Benedict, Sr. The women were given a corsage and the men a boutonniere.

Senior Adults filled places of service in the morning worship and were further honored with a covered dish dinner in the fellowship hall.

A time was given for reminiscing about "olden days" and good times and hardships in the growth and development of Calvary.



The combined membership years of these four members, Mrs. Cleo Crews, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Traylor and Mrs. Nannie Hagwood, total more than 200 years of service at Calvary, Oak Grove.



Douglas E. Benedict, Sr., pastor, presents a certificate to Mrs. Cleo Crews, the member with the longest tenure of service, 58 years, at Calvary, Oak Grove.

Pleasant Ridge (Oktibbeha) has received the new sanctuary pews that have been on order. Also renovation and remodeling have been done at the church. Hubert Davis is pastor.

First Church, Vancleave set a Church Training record Oct. 26 by having 82 present. The average attendance in Church Training for the month was 69. Church Training enrollment is 82. Last Year Church Training averaged 38 weekly.

Under the leadership of the Church Training director, Haywood Clark, and the pastor, Randy Davis, the church has started new programs designed especially for the adult department. Seven adult classes are grouped by topics. The topics range from "Lay Evangelism" to "What Baptists Believe." Each class will be taught for 13 weeks. At the end of the 13-week period, each adult will choose a new class to enter. At the end of the church year, each adult has had four of the seven classes offered.

Calvary Church, Lowndes County, began a radio broadcast on Oct. 15, with Pastor Roy Hawkins bringing a five-minute message on Station WJWF, Columbus, at 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.

Macedonia (Calhoun) has erected a new church sign on Highway 9, and has installed new pew cushions.

Lakeview Mission, Lowndes County has on location a mobile chapel provided by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The chapel is being readied for use. James Fletcher is the mission pastor.

First, Carthage To Celebrate 100th Year

On Nov. 16, members of First Church, Carthage, will gather for a centennial celebration. The church was founded in November, 1880.

Activities for the day will begin at 10:15 a.m. The first period of the day will be devoted to the reading of the church history and recognition of families and their descendants who have contributed significantly to the church during the first 100 years. A Centennial committee composed of Judge O. H. Barnett, chairman, Mrs. Katie Mae Sudduth, and Mrs. Marguerite Givan, have compiled the history and worked to plan the day's events.

The 11 o'clock hour will be given to worship. The Adult choir, Women's Ensemble, and Handbell choirs under the direction of Herman Milner will present special music. Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary, will deliver the sermon.

A mid-day highlight will be dinner-on-the-grounds. The celebration will adjourn then until 6 p.m.

The evening worship service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Robert S. Magee, pastor of Temple Church, Ruston, La., and a former pastor of First Church, Carthage will deliver the message. Afterward, a time of fellowship will be held for the church family and their guests.

Eddie L. Hamilton is now serving as pastor.

Byhalia Women Hold Feminar

Mrs. Dale Kendig, wife of Bob Kendig, Memphis-based evangelist, was guest speaker at Byhalia Church Oct. 23, for a Feminar, seminar for women only.

Mrs. Delene Andrews, a member of the Byhalia Church, reported, "Mrs. Kendig had a great message to share with the ladies about how God helped her to overcome the death of her only child and how He eventually moved into every area of her lifestyle. Using God's Word as the basis for her talk, she gave practical helps in marriage relationships, personal goals, and mental attitudes."

The teacher asked why the little boy had not brought back his report card. "I got three A's this month and it's being circulated among my relatives."

Devotional Divine Direction

By Robert J. Sanderson, Pastor, Evergreen (Wayne)

Proverbs 3:5-6

It was August of 1964 when my first wife died. That Sunday morning at 11:29 my world, along with all of my dreams and plans came tumbling to the earth around my feet. I was pastor of one of Mississippi's larger rural churches, a recent graduate of the seminary, a foreign mission candidate, and father of four young children. Suddenly everything that I was and had seemed inadequate to deal with death. I was shaken, crushed, and without direction.

As I was driving home from the hospital where my wife had been a patient, the Spirit caused me to remember my wife's favorite verse of scripture: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Sanderson What else could I do but trust in the Lord? I certainly did not understand what I was experiencing. God seem to say, "Leave everything to me, my child. I know your troubles and I am greater than all. I will direct your steps."

Divine direction did not lead to the foreign mission field as I had originally thought it would. It did not lead to an easy road as I might have secretly hoped for. However, divine direction has guided each step, opened many doors of service, and supplied every need, along with abundant grace for each trial. I rejoice that God never leaves us nor forsakes us, but His hand and grace will always both guide and sustain.

Small Baptist Group Harassed In Mexico

By David Daniell

MEXICO CITY (BP)—Nine Baptist families in Santa Maria del Monte have been denied use of municipal lights and water since August, despite promises by authorities to restore service.

Since July, the families in this town 45 miles west of Mexico City have been harassed and persecuted by the local Roman Catholic townspeople, Southern Baptist representatives reported.

Stonings, beatings, imprisonment and denial of the right of public worship have characterized the harassment that began when Baptists refused to contribute financially to the Catholic church as the priest demanded. The Baptists responded by declaring their faithfulness to Jesus Christ only.

On Sunday, Aug. 3, local municipal authorities came to the Baptist mission congregation, obligating the Baptists to go to City Hall to sign a "protection" agreement.

Instead they were met there by a mob estimated at 10,000 which struck and kicked them. To rescue the Baptists, an official put them in jail. One Baptist managed to flee toward the state capital, Toluca, to seek help. When 35 policemen and two ambulances arrived, the mob was threatening to burn down the jail.

The nine injured Baptists were hos-

pitalized, but law enforcement officials refused to press charges against the offenders. Since then, authorities in Santa Maria del Monte have denied the nine Baptist families municipal lights or water. They also cannot pasture or water their farm animals. Neighbors have harassed the Baptists trying to bring home groceries. The Baptists have collected rainwater off the roofs of their homes, but the rainy season tapers off in October.

"Our Baptist brethren—especially the women—are afraid to leave their homes unless they're in groups of at least three persons," said Southern Baptist representative Eldon Sturgeon.

State Governor Jorge Jimenez Cantu listened to the Baptists' complaints, expressed concern for religious liberty, and referred the matter to the county.

A week after the Baptists saw the governor, their lights and water remained cut off.

Meanwhile, the Central Baptist Association, composed of churches in Mexico City and the surrounding area, is seeking to collect \$4,400 to help pay legal fees and to purchase food, water, clothes and medicine for the nine families.

(David Daniell is press representative for Southern Baptist representatives in Mexico.)

Uniform Lesson

God's Covenant And Peter

By Jack Glaze, Chairman, Division of Religion, MC

Focal Passage: Acts 2:14-17; 3:13-26
Lesson Background: Luke and Acts form a single work addressed to Theophilus. Luke's stated purpose was to provide a trustworthy history of the Christian movement. He demonstrated that the new movement was not a threat to the Roman Empire. He presented a defense of the gospel for and against the Jews; Christianity was presented as the true fulfillment of the Old Testament faith and hope.

The propagation of the faith initially spread among the Jews, Jewish proselytes, and "God-fearers." Then, with the growing grasp of the universality of the message, the Christian movement expanded to include the Gentiles.

All through his writings, Luke, the Gentle, showed the Jewishness of the beginning of Christianity. Jesus was a Jew by birth. His disciples were Jews steeped in the long traditions of their forefathers. Initially, Peter, the spokesman for the group, was strongly nationalistic and slow to realize the universal implication of the Gospel. However, following the resurrection, he saw that Israel had been given a new structure. Through the guidance of the Spirit, he came to the realization that salvation could come to anyone who responded in faith to Jesus. The way was not that of racial lineage nor by means of the Law of Moses. There was a continuity with the past; however, the way was open to all men everywhere and was made possible through God's exalted Messiah.

The Lesson Outlined

I The Coming of the Holy Spirit

1. The Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13). Pentecost was an agricultural festival (cf. Lev. 23:15-16) well attended by the Jews of the Dispersion (diaspora). The season of the year offered favorable weather conditions for travelers. It was a strategic moment for the coming of the Holy Spirit on the little band of believers.

Luke records that the Holy Spirit suddenly came upon the group with visible and audible signs. However, he does not imply that the Holy Spirit came into being on that day. This was the day when God empowered the believers for the task that was before them. Luke affirmed that the Spirit had been at work in the Old Testament (cf. Acts 1:16, 7:51), and had been active in the life and ministry of Jesus

(cf. Luke 1:35; 2:25; 3:16; 10:21, etc.). At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave impetus and direction to the community of believers in their task of carrying the message of salvation to all the world. (cf. Acts 1:8).

The disciples were given a supernatural gift that day. They were given the gift of speaking foreign languages (Acts 2:4, 6-11). Although most of the Jewish visitors from other lands could communicate in the Greek language, their language of prayer and deepest religious understanding would be their native mother-tongue, and God gave the gift of languages so that the Galileans could clearly proclaim the gospel (Acts 2:7). The miracle not only empowered the group, it also served as a symbol of the universality of the Gospel.

2. The fulfillment of prophecy (Acts 2:14-16). Amid the amazement caused by the phenomenon, some mocked the disciples, charging them of being drunk with new wine (2:13). Peter seized the opportunity, and, in the reversal of his denial episode, boldly proclaimed that they were not filled with "new wine"; however, they were "filled" with the Holy Spirit as had been prophesied by the prophet Joel (2:28-32).

3. The unrestricted gift of the Spirit (Acts 2:17). Previously God's Spirit had been given to individuals—prophets, priests, civil leaders, and kings; however, now there was a pouring out of the Spirit on all flesh.

II The Person and Work of Jesus (Acts 3:13-24). Peter and John had gone to the Temple for worship and, in the name of Jesus, had healed a lame beggar sitting by the gate called Beautiful (Acts 3:1-7). The miracle attracted much attention and speculation. Peter took the occasion to deliver the second of his recorded sermons in Acts. As customary in all of apostolic preaching, the person and work of Jesus was central.

1. Pardon offered (3:13-19). Peter had previously removed the shame and scandal of the cross by showing that Jesus was innocent of any crime. The cross had been God's way of salvation (3:15). God had even announced beforehand that Christ would suffer (v. 18). Now, the proof of victory was seen in the healing of the lame man "in the name of Jesus" (3:16). On the basis of the person and work of Jesus, Peter moved to exhort the people to make a personal decision. Their rejection and

crucifixion of Jesus had been through ignorance (3:17). Now, through repentance their sins could be wiped away.

2. Christ's return anticipated (3:20-21). With repentance God would be able to send the "times of refreshing" (v. 19) on his people.

3. Prophetic warning announced (3:22-24). Peter referred to prophetic voices to undergird his understanding of the person and work of Jesus.

III The Children of the Covenant (3:25-26). Peter concluded with a reference to the faith of Israel, and a final appeal for repentance.

1. The children (sons) of the old covenant (v. 25). Israel's heritage was noble. God had made a covenant with Abraham and the prophets.

2. The purpose of the servant (v. 26). God, in raising up Jesus, was giving Israel another chance: the people could become a part of the "New Covenant." The Messiah, the suffering servant (cf. the cross and Isa. 53), was sent to bless Israel by turning men from their sins. God's chosen people were still special to him. Because of the privilege of the past they were better prepared to receive the new revelation, and some of them did! Christianity grew from Jewish roots.

The Lesson Applied

Luke repeatedly illustrates how the Holy Spirit filled the believers with power for the specific tasks at hand (cf. Acts 2:4; 4:8; 4:31, etc.). The filling was not a "once for all" experience. In this sense, he seemingly makes a difference in the concept of the "indwelling" (or abiding) presence of the Spirit in the believer (cf. Romans 8:16-17), and the "filling" with power for specific tasks. Paul adds another dimension when he lists the "fruit of the spirit" (cf. Gal. 5:22-23).

The apostolic preaching consistently centered its message in the life and work of Jesus. The following common elements appear in the sermons: In Jesus, the new age had dawned. He was the Messiah, the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises. He was crucified, resurrected, and had ascended to the Father. The Holy Spirit was the sign of His presence and power. He promised to return again. Salvation is achieved through repentance and faith in His name.

Life and Work Lesson Why Did People Hate Jesus?

By Bobby Perry, Pastor

First, Moss Point

Basic Passage: Luke 4:14-44

This week we begin the third unit of study under the larger topic, "Good News for All People." This will consist of five studies designed to show where Jesus focused his ministry. He refused to allow the barriers of race, culture, sinfulness, or tradition to thwart His efforts to reach out to those who needed His help and God's saving grace. The example He laid on His followers was to love as He loved.

Jesus had been victorious in His initial confrontation with Satan. He was determined to follow God's will for Him as the Savior of men. And having set His course, the question remained as to how people would respond to such a One. So ahead were many subtle temptations as through the people the Evil One sought to turn Jesus away from His mission.

This unit of study deals with Jesus' first four of Galilee, in north Palestine, surrounded by non-Jewish nations. In Galilee there were approximately 3,000,000 people. Such a high concentration of people explains the start of Christ's ministry there.

I. The Return Home (4:14). After a time of fruitful ministry in Capernaum, the scene shifts to Nazareth. This is the town of Jesus' growth and development into manhood. In the midst of an area made famous by the battles of such notables as Gideon, Saul, and Josiah, the Savior came to do battle with those who would remember Him from childhood. He came home!

Thus in Nazareth the stage was set. As much out of curiosity as anything else, the people were wondering what, if anything, He would do there. Perhaps even Jesus wondered what their reaction to Him would be.

It was Jesus' habit to worship. In the synagogue, He was asked to read from and explain the Scriptures. It was normal procedure for the president of the synagogue to call upon some man in the congregation to render this service. It was not a permanent or regular assignment, and it was an honor to be asked to read.

II. The Reading of Scripture (4:17-20). Jesus read from Isaiah (58:6; 61:1-2). This scripture passage set forth the main lines of His ministry. He saw Himself and His ministry described in

these verses. As the "anointed" (Messiah or Christ) and with the Holy Spirit upon Him, He was to preach the gospel to the poor. In Luke's Gospel the "poor" are not materially poor alone, but the "poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3). His work was to be characterized by release for captives, giving sight for the blind, liberation for those bruised (those shattered in fortune or broken in spirit), and proclamation of "the year of the Lord's favor" (Smith Goodspeed). We should probably understand "the year of the Lord's favor" to mean the messianic age. Jesus' concern was with people, not with the institutions of religion like the sabbath, purification rites, and fasting. He was, and is, concerned for all the needs of the people—sight, hearing, food, forgiveness, and the fullness of life.

Having finished the reading, Jesus "sat down." After standing to read, it was customary to sit down to speak. A dramatic air pervaded the gathering as the people waited expectantly. Luke says that their eyes "were fastened" on Him. It means that the people began and continued to fix their gaze on Jesus. They were spellbound by Him, not only because of His physique but possibly by the way He had read the Scripture passage. They waited anxiously to hear what He had to say. And they heard more than they had anticipated.

III. The Response of Wonder (4:21-22). The response of the people ran the course of appreciation, to wonder, to cynicism. This in return evoked from Jesus a fitting reply in verse 21. He employed a startling introduction to His message. Jesus pronounced that He was the One of whom He had read.

When Jesus claimed that this Scripture was being fulfilled among them that very day, they at first marveled at the graceful words from His mouth. Soon, however, they were reminding themselves that He was "Joseph's son." Their admiration was mingled with annoyance that such words came from one whom they had known as a boy in the neighborhood. The people of Nazareth wanted proof of His claim—some sign like the words reported from an earlier ministry in Capernaum.

IV. The Reaction of Anger (4:23-24, 23-30). We may see clearly here a

foreshadowing at least of the final rejection which led to the cross, and we may see how the people of Nazareth committed a double blunder, rejecting the Kingdom of God as (1) spiritual and (2) personal—that is, focused in the person of Jesus Christ.

Objections to Christianity usually reveal that the objectors take offense at the implicit or explicit moral demand. That demand requires people to see themselves as poor, captive, blind, and oppressed by sin. It also requires them to confess their own inadequacy and to trust in the saving adequacy of Jesus Christ.

Jesus rebuked the pride and unbelief of His fellow townsmen. Just as Elijah and Elisha bestowed their choicest blessings upon outsiders, so He would do the same—outside of Nazareth. The reaction of rage among Jesus' hearers would have resulted in His death if He had not in some remarkable way passed through their midst. Up to that point, there had been sullen silence. But "Gentile" was to them a dirty word.

Such rage on the part of the people burst forth in mob violence. They rose up and cast Jesus out of town (v. 29). There the mob tried to throw Him from a cliff to His death. Even today visitors to Israel are shown a cliff just outside Nazareth called the cliff of precipitation, which is said to be the place where this enraged mob sought to kill Jesus.

It is not clear exactly what happened. The basic truth is that Jesus triumphed. He walked through the midst of them. They were apparently frozen from action, either by a miracle or by the stare of the One they meant to execute. The people wanted miracles for their satisfaction. Jesus refused. They wanted God's love exclusively for themselves; Jesus told them differently. He refused to conform to their wishes or their narrow thoughts. Thus the people hated Him.

Approximately a year prior to this time, Jesus had ministered for a brief time in Capernaum. Now after the reaction of the mob at Nazareth, He returned to Capernaum, and established His base of operation in the center of life in Galilee. However, Nazareth stands as a symbol of the consequences that come when Jesus is rejected.